PACIFIC LUTHERAN
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
THE LIBRARY

NOTICE TO READERS—When you finish reading this magazine place a 1-cent stamp on this notice, hand same to any postal employee and it will be placed in the hands of our soldiers or sailors at the front. No Wrapping—No Address. A. S. BURLESON, Postmaster-General.

Vol. XXXI JANUARY, 1918 No. 1

Of the Church · By the Church · For the Church

Luther League Review

The Official Organ of the Luther League of America

New Year's Greeting

DEAR LUTHER LEAGUERS:

The year 1917 has been a remarkable year for our Lutheran Church We have good reasons for rejoicing.

We have celebrated the Quadricentennial of the greatest event that has ever happened to the Christian World. An event that brought religious freedom.

The year just past has brought the culmination of Unity among three General Bodies of the Lutheran Church in America.

What will this new year bring to us? Let there be unity and strength among our young people and let us always bear in mind that whatever we may do, to do it cheerfully in Christ's name.

"Just as I am;—Thy love unknown
Has broken every barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea Thine alone.
O Lamb of God, I come, I come."

C. T. A. ANDERSON.
President Luther League of America.

Pin with Hanger

Stick Pin

Button

Midget Badge

Pin Clasp

Watch Charm

The above are Exact Sizes and Styles of Badges

THE

Luther League Badge

A BADGE OF LOYALTY

Official Badge of the Luther League of America
Furnished only through the Luther League Review

"Loyalty" the Watchword

Loyalty, not only to country, but to truth and to principle.

Let the young people of the Lutheran Church be loyal to the truth which Martin Luther rescued from obscurity and chains.

Let us all wear the badge which, designed from Luther's coat of arms, is emblematic of great principles that are vital to Christianity. Read its meaning as Luther explained it. His statements of its meaning accompanies every badge.

This badge is furnished in different styles at the following prices: Button, Stick Pin, or Clasp Pin, Solid Gold, $1.00; Rolled Gold, 50 cents; Gilt, 25 cents. Clasp Pin Hanger, 50 cents extra.

THE MIDGET BADGE, of which this is an exact facsimile, can be furnished in all styles. Buttons, Stick Pin, or Clasp Pin, Solid Gold, 75 cents; Rolled Gold, 40 cents; Gilt, 25 cents.

Watch Charm, with Emblem on both sides, Solid Gold, $5.00; Rolled Gold, $2.50.

Discounts on all styles. 1 dozen lots, 10 per cent.; 2 dozen lots, 15 per cent.; 50 or more, 25 per cent.

NOTICE

Due to the new War Tax which became effective October 4, 1917, all invoices of Jewelry will bear the 3 per cent. tax. This tax must be figured before the cash discount is deducted, and is not subject to any discount.

ADDRESS ALL ORDERS TO

Luther League Review

318-326 West Thirty-ninth Street, New York City

WHY NOT CONSULT US AS TO CONTEMPLATION OF

MEMORIAL CHURCH GIFTS

WHY NOT PRESENT TO YOUR PARISH CHURCH A BAPTISMAL FONT ON THE LINES OF THE THORWALDSEN ANGEL FONT IN THE DON AT COPENHAGEN? (VIDE ILLUSTRATION.)

We carry in stock or design and execute in Wood, Metal, Stone, and Marble, Art Glass, Mosaic, Embroidery, etc., for the enrichment, decoration or furnishing of the Church interior

We invite correspondence or, still better, a visit to our Studios.

J & R · LAMB
STUDIOS · 23 · 25 · 27 · SIXTH · AVENUE · NEW · YORK

All Questions Answered and Illustrated Data and Photographs Sent Upon Request.

LUTHER LEAGUERS CALLED TO THE COLORS!

We are to fight a battle against ignorance—other people's ignorance—in 1917.

The Black, Red, White, Blue and Gold is our standard—Martin Luther the standard bearer.

The army of the Luther League is to follow him in a peaceful battle. The weapon we are to carry is Truth. The ammunition is information. It is ready. Every Leaguer must provide himself with a supply.

The source of supply is shown on page 4. It was authorized at the Toledo Convention and has been prepared with the greatest of care.

Look it over once, and fill your cartridge belt, so you can do your part in 1917 toward letting the world know what it gained in the Great Reformation.

TURN TO PAGE 4

LUTHER LEAGUE READING COURSE
FOR THE
REFORMATION CELEBRATION

THIS course of reading for the Quadri-Centennial of the Reformation was authorized by the Luther League of America, at the Toledo Convention. The books have been selected with great care to help the Luther Leaguer know his Church better, and enable him to inform other people what the Reformation was and what benefit it has brought to the world. The course consists of the first five books listed below, with your choice of one of the four books that follow in the list.

QUADRI-CENTENNIAL LUTHER LEAGUE READING COURSE

Life of Luther—Dr. Wm. Rein.

The Truth of the Apostles' Creed.

Lutheran Manual.

History of the Reformation—Peters.

Praying and Working.

Schoenberg Cotta Family, or choice of Friar of Wittenberg, Knight in Grey, or Blind Girl of Wittenberg.

The first five books and one of the last four will be sent by express or parcel post prepaid for $4.00. Or we will give these six books as a premium on receipt of $12.50 for 25 new subscriptions to the Luther League Review.

SUPPLEMENTAL LUTHER LEAGUE READING COURSE

	Price
Life of Luther—Wackenagel	$1.50
Life of Melanchthon—Stump	1.25
Reformation Dawn—Painter	.50
Ecclesia Lutherana—Seiss	1.00
Katherine Von Bora—Endelich	1.00
Gustavus Adolphus—Monroe	.50
The Explanation of the Common Service	.75
Way of Salvation—Gerberding	1.00
Elements of Religion—Jacobs	1.25
Lutheran Foreign Missions — Lauray	1.25
Sacred Meditations—Gerhard	1.00

We will send any of these books postpaid on receipt of price quoted or on receipt of $5.00 for 10 new subscriptions to the Luther League Review will send any choice of $2.00 worth of books as a premium.

JUNIOR REFORMATION CELEBRATION READING COURSE

Martin of Mansfield. Lutheran Landmarks. The Schoolmaster and Son.

These three valuable books for the Juniors will be sent postpaid on receipt of $2.00.

Address all orders to LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW, 318-326 West 39th Street, New York

Of the Church - By the Church - For the Church

Luther League Review

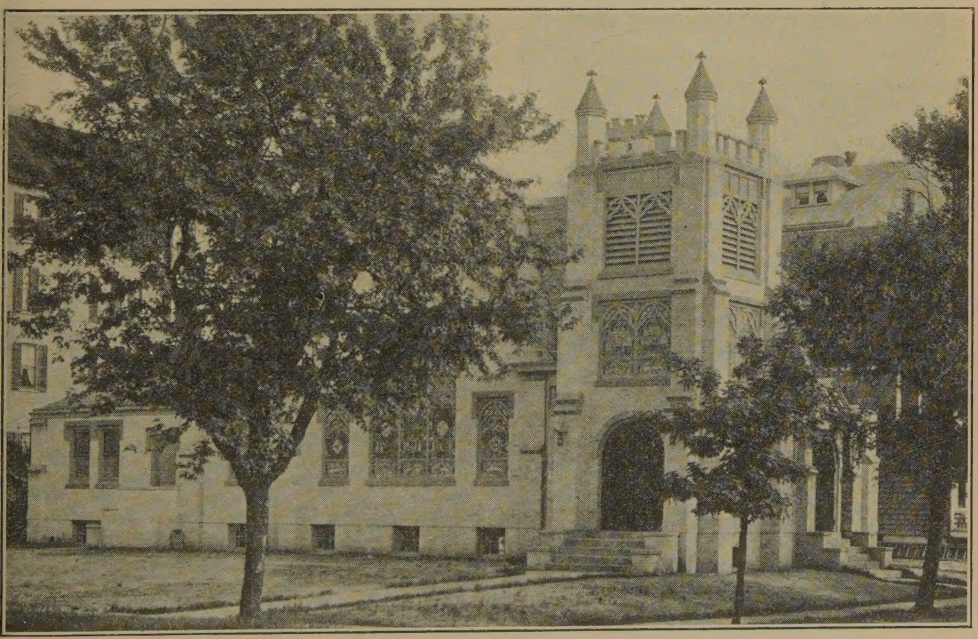
Luther League of New Jersey

Twenty-Second Annual Convention at Asbury Park October 12, 13, 1917

BY W. P. STEINHAEUSER, Ph.D., Litt.D.

THE twenty-second annual convention of the Luther League of New Jersey was held in the Lutheran Church of he Atonement, Asbury Park, October 12 nd 13.

The principal address was delivered by William James Heaps, Ph. D., LL. D., President of Milton University, Baltimore, Md., on the theme "The Book of Books." The Rev. Albert T. W. Steinhaeuser, D. D., of



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF ATONEMENT, WHERE LUTHER LEAGUE CONVENTION WAS HELD.

Rally Friday Evening

On Friday evening, October 12, a Quadri-entennial Reformation Rally was held in he main auditorium of the Lutheran hurch. The address of welcome was de-vered by Rev. W. H. Grunow, pastor loci. r. W. P. Steinhaeuser, President of the uther League of New Jersey, responded.

St. Michael's Lutheran Church, Allentown, Pa., also spoke, taking as his subject "The Liberty of a Christian Man." This service proved one of the most inspiring ever held by the Luther League of New Jersey.

At the close of the rally a most delightful reception was tendered the visiting Leaguers in the church parlors. Refresh-

ments were served by a committee of the local League, and a very enjoyable time was had.

First Session, Saturday Morning

The convention was formally opened by the President, Dr. W. P. Steinhaeuser, on Saturday morning. Mrs. H. Heinsheimer, of the Asbury Park Luther League, gave a most cordial welcome for the Lutheran Church of the Atonement, which was responded to by Mr. H. W. Fiedler, Vice-President.

The registration showed the largest attendance of delegates, visitors and pastors present in the history of the State organization.

The President appointed the following committees:

President's Address:
H. H. Schnepel,
Miss A. Seiberling,
Miss B. Davis.

Nominating Committee:
Miss Emma Rothfritz,
Miss Grace Fisher,
Miss S. Sarstedt.

Resolution Committee:
Rev. H. L. Y. Seyler,
Miss M. Teutsch,
Miss E. Clark.

Auditing Committee:
G. Paulson,
Miss A. Thompson,
Mrs. May Borman.

The keynote of the convention was "Liberty."

Dr. Steinhaeuser submitted his report as President as follows:

We are again assembled in annual convention to deliberate over the success achieved during the past year, and to lay plans for the future extension and broadening of our beloved Luther League.

Permit me to congratulate you on this assembling in twenty-second annual session. The year just closed has been one of general prosperity. We have increased in members and strength. As the years go by and as we learn their lessons and profit by their experiences, we become more firmly anchored in the hearts of our Lutheran people, and never has there been a day when the Luther League of New Jersey had so strong a hold on the confidence and good judgment of our people as it has today.

Membership.

It is with a sense of deep and abiding gratitude that I am able to announce that the membership increase in the State the past year has been of a pronounced character, exceeding that of previous years. Three new Leagues have been added to our roster, with two more seeking admission, a record that has not been surpassed for five years past. This is a remarkable growth when it is remembered that we have just passed through one of the most crucial years in our American history. The great financial depression throughout the country has had considerable to do with our increase, but I think there is cause for congratulation that in spite of these unforeseen conditions we have made such a commendable gain.

District Meetings.

A large number of District Meetings were held during the year in both the Northern and Southern jurisdictions, at which one or more State officers were present. Your State President attended the following meetings: Northern District: Newark, April 16; Perth Amboy, September 18. Southern District: Riverside, February 2; Camden, June 26. The District Meetings held at Newark and Perth Amboy were largely attended, there being over two hundred delegates and visitors present, and much fruitfulness resulted therefrom. The District Meeting held at Riverside was also largely attended, while the one held at Camden, while small in attendance, was big in enthusiasm. Your State President made addresses at each of these meetings, inspiring the members to a higher and loftier aim in working out the problems confronting the Luther League as a whole.

The Luther League Review.

For nearly thirty years the Luther League Review has appeared as the official organ of the Luther League movement. It has consistently voiced the cardinal principles of the Luther League cause. Its welfare as an agency in our cause has been studied. Today the Luther League Review continues to devote its energies to this splendid cause of our Church. Every Leaguer owes it to himself as well as to his fellow Leaguers to suport this excellent journal. Keep in touch with the organization and the work it is doing. By making a careful note of the plans and methods used with success by workers in other jurisdictions, good results often accrue.

During the past year, as your president, I have had published numerous contributions in this excellent journal concerning the Luther League of New Jersey. Copies have been widely distributed among the local Leagues. I have tried to inspire our members to a higher conception of the duties demanded of a true Luther Leaguer. A vote of thanks is due the Luther League Review for this excellent publicity.

Prizes for Membership Increases.

At the beginning of the term your president offered a number of prizes for membership increases in all local Leagues affiliated with the Luther League of New Jersey. The purpose of these prizes was to inspire our membership to recruit our ranks to goodly proportions. While no one has as yet come forward to claim any one of the prizes offered, it is hoped that the interest engendered has been of a healthy character.

Jubilee Fund.

At the Toledo convention of the Luther League of America, August 15 to 17, 1916, action was taken looking toward a proper observance of the great Jubilee Year of the Reformation. In order to do its part in making such a celebration a pronounced success, it was decided to create a Jubilee Fund among the membership at large to be used in placing the Luther League work upon a more permanent and self-sustaining basis. A per capita of twenty-five cents per member was asked to be raised through the medium of District and State Leagues. Quite a number of the Leagues in our jurisdiction have responded to this call and have sent their apportionment to the State Treasurer, for which they are to be congratulated. There are, however, a number of Leagues that have not sent in their apportionment. I would urge that they do so without delay in order that New Jersey may take its rightful place in the list of those responding promptly to the call of the Luther League of America. Make this your first duty when you return to your local Leagues.

New State Constitution.

At the annual convention held in Atlantic City, October, 1916, a new constitution for the government of the Luther League of New Jersey was adopted with the exception of the clause concerning finances, which was referred to the State Executive Committee for action. At the second meeting of the State Executive Committee held in Riverside, February 2, the clause relating to finances was definitely decided upon, making the per capita tax twenty cents for each society and one dollar for each District League affiliating with this organization. The State Executive Committee took upon itself the responsibility of having the new constitution printed instead of holding the matter over for this convention, in order to guide

eagues in their work. It is hoped that this convention will ratify the action of the State Executive committee.

ADVERTISING.

The Luther League of New Jersey has been advertised this year as perhaps it has never been advertised before. Your president is a firm believer in judicious advertising campaigns. As there was no literature available your State President wrote the folder, "Pertinent Questions Answered," covering a large number of questions asked by new members and leagues.

MARTIN LUTHER ESSAY CONTEST.

Early in June your State President announced a Martin Luther Essay Contest open to the members of Luther Leagues affiliated with the Luther League of New Jersey or that became affiliated prior to August 15, 1917. This contest was held for the purpose of stimulating more interest in the work of Martin Luther, especially during this Quadri-Centennial Year. Your State President donated three prizes consisting of $10, $5 and $2.50 in gold. Local Leagues were urged to interest their members in this contest. Up to the time the contest closed, namely, September 15, there was only one essay submitted. Your president is somewhat disappointed in the lack of interest taken by the rank and file in this contest. Hopes were entertained that a large number of essays would be submitted. As it is, the contest has been declared off because no contest could be held with only one contestant.

WEAR THE EMBLEM.

The emblem is a silent witness of the force and energy of the Luther League. It is an inspiration to see it worn by our membership as it shows their faith in our principles, besides being a good advertising medium for our cause. In this day of emblems and when so many of them are worn in some conspicuous place, wear the emblem. Every Luther Leaguer should wear it. It is the badge of loyalty. It ennobles those who wear it and the grand cause for which it stands.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

I desire to submit the following recommendations for your most careful consideration:

1. That hereafter all local Leagues defray the expenses of their delegates overnight at State conventions.

2. That all local and district Leagues be requested to remit their annual dues on or before September 1 of each year, as provided by the new constitution in order that the State Treasurer may be able to close the books and make a complete report at the annual convention.

3. That membership contests be conducted by local leagues as well as district Leagues in order to increase our ranks very materially during the coming year.

4. That Leagues affiliated with the Luther League of New Jersey owing two or more years' back dues have them remitted.

5. That corresponding secretaries of local and district Leagues furnish the State President with quarterly reports concerning their activities in order that he may be informed at first hand about the work in general.

6. That each local and district League when electing officers send their names and addresses to the State President and also to the State Statistical Secretary at once.

7. That local Leagues pursue a systematic course of study during the coming year.

8. That Model Luther League Meetings be exemplified at the next conventions of the Northern and Southern District Leagues in order that a better understanding be obtained concerning the right conduct of such meetings.

9. That the State President's Annual Address, or as much of it as is important, be published in folder form by the Luther League of New Jersey and circulated throughout the State.

10. That the presidents of the Northern and Southern District Leagues meet with the State President once a year for advice and counsel.

11. That all local Leagues be urged to purchase copies of the new Luther League Handbook.

12. That hereafter all State officers and members of the State Executive Committee attending the annual conventions have their railroad fare paid from the State League treasury.

13. That local Leagues elect a representative to the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW, whose duty it shall be to solicit subscriptions as well as to send in items of news from time to time.

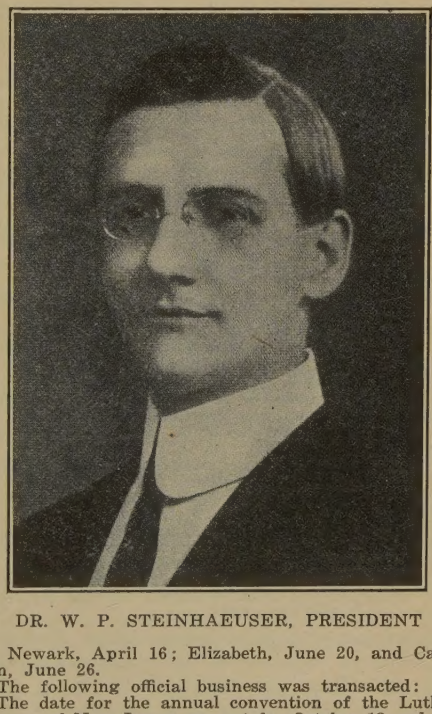
14. That local Leagues closely situated be urged to visit each other and hold acquaintance socials.

15. That the district presidents visit each League in their respective jurisdictions at least once a year.

16. That the corresponding secretary and the extension committee co-operate in securing a revised and up-to-date list of local Leagues and their officers.

The report of the Executive Committee was presented by Miss Louise Schindler, Recording Secretary, as follows:

Five meetings were held during the year, as follows: Elizabeth, November 10; Riverside, February



DR. W. P. STEINHAEUSER, PRESIDENT

2; Newark, April 16; Elizabeth, June 20, and Camden, June 26.

The following official business was transacted:

The date for the annual convention of the Luther League of New Jersey was set for October 12 and 13.

The matter of settlement of the clause on "Finances" in the new constitution was thoroughly discussed and the following article adopted: Article 10, Sec. 1. The annual dues of each society connected with this organization shall be twenty cents per capita, payable on or before September 1st of each year. The annual dues of each District League connected with this organization shall be $1. Sec. 2. An application fee of fifty cents is required for each society affiliating with this organization, for which a certificate of membership shall be granted.

Application for membership of the Luther League of the Church of Our Saviour, Trenton, was received and referred to the annual convention for final action.

Application for membership of the Young Men's Lutheran Society of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Hoboken, was received and referred to the annual convention for final action.

Your committee would like to make the following recommendations: 1st: That more promptness be displayed by officers of local Leagues in answering correspondence. 2d: That a regular official badge for each State officer be purchased, to be worn upon official visitations and at State conventions, such badges

to remain the property of the State League. 3d: That a seal be procured by the incoming State Executive Committee to be used for all official communications and membership certificates. 4th: That the action of the State Executive Committee in having the new constitution printed be ratified by the Luther League of New Jersey in annual convention assembled.

Miss Carolena Nolde, Treasurer, reported as follows:

Balance, 1915-16	$45.48	
Receipts, 1916-17	65.55	
		$111.03
Expenditures, 1916-17		56.28
Balance on hand October 12.....		$54.75

The Rev. G. U. Wenner, L. H. D., D. D., of Christ Lutheran Church, New York City, delivered an address on "Weekday Instruction in Religion," which was most comprehensive and inspiring. Dr. Wenner said in part:

Protestant Americans are in accord with the constitutional provision which excludes instruction in religion from the public school. What is the solution of the problem thus presented?

Some say: "The parochial school." In some sections of the country the system may be satisfactory. Figures prove that whatever advantages it possesses, only a small percentage of American Lutherans send their children to the parochial school. In New York, with a considerable number of such schools, the percentage of children in attendance is negligible.

Others reply: "Our catechetical method." No one denies its value. But it cannot do for children of fourteen years in six months what should have been begun nine years before for children of five years.

Whatever criticisms we sons of the Reformation may have to offer upon the Roman Catholic system, one thing we must acknowledge: they have never overlooked the value of a child. Nor should we forget that the founders of modern education were the Lutheran Reformers who gave a prominent place in their program to the suject of weekday instruction in religion.

The movement now in progress in America, initiated by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, looking toward the use of methods by which the churches may be able to give to their children such teaching and training as will fit them to meet the requirements of the spiritual life, is one that deserves and needs the special support of the members of the Luther League, upon whom we shall have to depend to a large extent for the personal support that will be needed.

A recess was then taken, when the conventioneers repaired to the basement of the church, where an excellent luncheon was served by the Ladies' Aid Society of the local church.

Second Session, Saturday Afternoon

The report of the Extension Committee was then rendered through the Chairman, Rev. F. C. Krapf, as follows:

Of the 132 more or less Lutheran congregations in New Jersey it was considered that about 80 were open to any consideration of an appeal to unite with the State League. Among these 80 congregations our work was carried on. On an average 20 societies were assigned to each of the members of the committee.

With the initiative very largely of the president, and with our co-operation, applications very early were sent to the Executive Committee from the Young Men's Lutheran Society of St. Matthew's Church, Hoboken, and the Luther League of the Church of Our Saviour, Trenton.

We draw attention also to the fact that by virtue of its union with the Northern District, it would be proper to recognize the connection also with the State League of the Society of St. John's Church, Newark.

An application, properly filled out and with the fee accompanying it, is at hand from the Young People's Society of Christ's Church, Jersey City, Rev. John Kopp, president. We recommend its reception.

We believe the following things are worthy to be kept in mind for future representation of the Extension Committee: The establishment of a consistent attitude to the principle that by uniting with a District League the respective Local League is virtually received as a member also of the State League. That, if posible, the program of our State League conventions be so arranged that more time be allowed for special discussion of committee work, as much in the way possibly of efficiency conferences.

The following societies were officially received into membership by a rising vote:

Young People's Society, Christ Lutheran Church, Jersey City.

Luther League, St. John's Lutheran Church, Newark.

Luther League, Church of Our Saviour, Trenton.

Young Men's Lutheran Society, St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Hoboken.

Mr. H. H. Schnepel, Statistical Secretary, reported as follows:

Local Leagues, 17; District Leagues, 2. Local Leagues that reported, 14; Local Leagues not reported, 3. Membership, 433. Northern District, 7 Leagues; Southern District, 4 Leagues; not a member of the District League, 3.

Junior Luther Leagues—Three Leagues have Junior Luther Leagues. Membership of the Junior Luther Leagues, 100. One League has a Young People's Society. One League has a Lutheran Guild.

Boys' Society—Six Leagues have Boy Scouts. One League has Knights of Luther. One League has Junior Mission Society. Five Leagues have no boys' societies.

Girls' Society—Two Leagues have Camp Fire Girls. One League has Young Ladies' Society. One League has Girls' Friendly Society. One League has Girls' Guild. Eight Leagues have no girls' societies.

Eight Leagues' offerings for local work, $62.59. Five, no report. Three Leagues' offerings for benevolence, $43. One Young People's Society for local work, $25. One Young People's Society for benevolence, $10.

The Auditing Committee reported that they had audited the State Treasurer's accounts and had found them correct. The report was adopted and the committee discharged with thanks.

The Nominating Committee then reported the following:

President, Dr. W. P. Steinhaeuser, Asbury Park.

First Vice-President, W. H. Fiedler, Atlantic City.

Second Vice-President, Anthony Larson, Perth Amboy.

Recording Secretary, Miss Louisa Schindler, Camden.

Corresponding Secretary, Miss Carolena Nolde, Riverside.

Statistical Secretary, H. H. Schnepel, Orange.

Treasurer, Miss Blanche Davis, Riverside.

Member of Executive Committee for one year, W. H. Mahlow, Trenton.

The Recording Secretary was instructed cast the ballot for the convention and ey were declared elected.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was presented by the chairman, Rev. . L. Y. Seyler.

Your committee begs leave to submit the following solutions for consideration by this convention:

Resolved:

1st. That the Luther League of New Jersey ess by a rising vote of thanks its heartfelt appreation for the reception and hospitality extended em by the Luther League of the Church of the onement, Asbury Park.

2d. That the Luther League of New Jersey in nvention assembled sends its united thanks to Dr. illiam James Heaps, for the loan of his border cut ed on our membership certificate.

3d. That the Luther League of New Jersey exnds a vote of thanks to Mr. Clarence W. Smith for inting one hundred copies of the Luther League lly Hymn for use of this convention free of charge.

4th. That the Luther League as a State organizan keep in touch with its military members either rough the corresponding secretary or some scheme be devised by the convention.

5th. That we endorse the proposed merger of the neral bodies of the Lutheran Church in America d pray for its speedy consummation.

6th. That the Executive Committee be charged th the duty of gathering before December 31, 1917, balance of the Jubilee Fund apportioned to the ther League of New Jersey and transmit the same the Treasurer of the Luther League of America rough the State Treasurer.

Report on State President's Address

We compliment the State President on his complete port along constructive lines and also on his effint year's work as President of the Luther League New Jersey.

1. That societies be not obligated to defray the penses of their delegates overnight at the State nventions.

2. That all local and district Leagues be request- to remit their annual dues on or before September of each year, as provided by the new constitution order that the State Treasurer may be able to close r books and make a complete report at the annual nventions.

3. That membership contests be conducted by local agues as well as district Leagues in order to inease our ranks very materially during the coming ar.

4. That Leagues affiliated with the Luther League New Jersey owing two or more years' back dues ve them remitted. (Referred to the Executive mmittee.)

5. That corresponding secretaries of local and strict Leagues furnish the State President with arterly reports concerning their activities in order at he may be informed at first hand about the work general.

6. That each local and district League when elect- officers send their names and addresses to the ate President and also to the State Stastistical ecretary at once.

7. That each League report at the next convenon what books they have read.

8. That Model Luther League Meetings be exmplified at the next conventions of the Northern nd Southern District Leagues in order that a better nderstanding be obtained concerning the right conuct of such meetings.

9. We recommend that the Executive Committee repare statements of resolutions to be sent out by he State President.

10. That the president of the Northern and Southrn District Leagues meet with the State President nce a year for advice and counsel.

11. That all local Leagues be urged to purchase copies of the new Luther League Handbook when published.

12. That hereafter all State officers and members of the State Executive Committee attending the annual conventions have their railroad fares paid from the State League treasury. (Referred to the Executive Committee.)

13. That local Leagues elect a representative to the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW whose duty it shall be to solicit subscriptions as well as to send in items of news from time to time.

14. That local Leagues closely situated be urged to visit each other and hold acquaintance socials.

15. That the district presidents visit each League in their respective jurisdictions at least once a year.

16. That the Corresponding Secretary and the Extension Committee co-operate in securing a revised and up-to-date list of local Leagues and their officers.

17. That more promptness be displayed by officers of local Leagues in answering correspondence from State officers.

18. That a seal be procured by the incoming State Executive Committee to be used for all official communications and membership certificates.

19. That the action of the State Executive Committee in having the new constitution printed be ratified by the Luther League of New Jersey in annual convention assembled.

At this point a most forceful and inspiring address was delivered by Mr. Harry Hodges, of Philadelphia, Pa., the General Secretary of the Luther League of America, who took for his theme "Luther League Problems."

A questionnaire followed this interesting address participated in by a large number of the delegates. This proved one of the most fruitful features of the convention.

Dr. Steinhaeuser, the President, made a few remarks, outlining the policy to be pursued during the coming year, and called upon all Leaguers to cooperate in making the year as successful as possible. He then presented the Luther League of New Jersey with a handsome gavel, to be used at future conventions.

The convention then sang "God Bless Our Native Land." Thus ended one of the most successful, interesting and inspiring conventions in the history of the Luther League of New Jersey.

—♣—

"It is well enough to be serious, but relax at times. Even a machine is the better for an occasional rest."

—♣—

"The wise employee does his work so well that he makes himself indispensable to his employer."

—♣—

"Try to live better today than you did yesterday."

Ellen Murray's New Year Callers

BY ISABEL CRAWFORD SCHOCH.

HEAVY snowfall had spoiled the skating, so the group of jolly boys and girls had adjourned to the Library, where, selecting books and magazines to suit their various tastes, they seated themselves in their own particular alcove. However, reading was soon neglected, for the question was raised, "What's on for New Year's Day?" All agreed that the last day of the holidays must be especially interesting. Some suggested parties, others a mummers' parade, while Bob Ellis declared, "A party with ice cream and fruit cake for me."

"No, indeed, Mr. Bob, we shall do something entirely different this year," interposed Jeanne Conway, leader of the crowd and the others exclaimed, "Tell us quickly what wondrous idea has entered that brain of yours!"

"Well," answered Jeanne, drawing her chair up to the table around which they had all gathered, "it's this—to make New Year's calls—but in a different way than usual. We shall go out by twos and call on our teachers and every High School student in Alton. You know, our crowd is claimed to be entirely selfish and disinterested in everything but our own good times. Let's show them we can at least call on them once a year. What think you all?"

"Fine!" "Splendid!" "Great!" cried the others delightedly. "But just how shall it be done?" they questioned.

"Oh, friends and fellow students," said Jeanne, "if you favor the idea you must plan to carry it out."

"We'll do it," laughed the rest, and therewith fell to planning. Few persons were coming to the Library this stormy day and so Miss Nelson, the librarian, did not check the forbidden talking. At last, after much discussion, a plan was devised. They decided to go by twos, each couple to draw an equal number of slips of paper containing names of all the students, the names drawn being those on whom each couple were to call, extending greetings from the crowd. "And," added Jeanne, "all meet at four o'clock at the square, go to Professor Bowers' for our final call and then come to my home for dinner and to spend the evening. Mother said I might invite you."

Delighted exclamations and a speedy acceptation met this announcement and then they decided that the slips should not be drawn until one o'clock on New Year's afternoon. But at this point Anna Ellis objected, saying, "There is one person I refuse to visit even though I draw her name, and that is Ellen Murray. She is the most uppish, standoffish girl I ever saw. She never came to my home even when I invited her and I'll not go to hers. So there," and Anna tossed a magazine to the table in very apparent disgust.

"Anna, please don't spoil the fun," begged Mary, but Betty said, "Well, it is true. Ellen never has done a single thing or gone to one place we've asked her and she's lived here almost four months now. Coming from the city, she probably thinks she is too good for us. I say, let her out."

Other comments followed and Ellen's aloofness was roundly scored. Jeanne, however, remonstrated, saying "Perhaps she has some good reason. I've heard that some one is ill at her house and maybe she has to help. Ellen Murray is the brightest student in High School and I don't believe we know her well enough to judge her."

"That may be, Jeanne Conway, but I'll not go there and that settles it," declared Anna emphatically. The question did, indeed, seem settled until a happy thought came to one of the girls.

"I know," she cried. "Every afternoon about four o'clock Ellen goes down Berry street. Dear knows where she goes, I don't, and don't care either! New Year's Day will probably be no exception. Let's watch from Professor Bowers' and when she leaves the house hurry over there and extend our greetings to whoever comes to the door. No doubt Ellen will be glad just to know we've been there."

The suggestion was received hilariously. Jeanne was forced to consent to it, but Anna declared, "Don't count on me for the greetings."

"Anna, hush!" remonstrated her brother, "somebody might hear you."

"If books have ears—yes—and Miss Nelson is over at her desk."

But somebody did hear, and somebody bent her head and brushed away the tears, for that somebody was Ellen Murray herself. "Standoffish" and "proud" was she? No wonder they no longer wanted to include her in their merrymakings. But then they did not know! With head erect now, though tears still dimmed her eyes, Ellen turned away from the bookshelves which separated her from the others, slipped

through the side door out into the falling snow and hurried home.

The storm lasted but the night and the remaining days of vacation were spent in winter sports—days which sped all too swiftly by. The New Year was announced by the ringing of every bell and the blowing of every whistle in the little town of Alton.

One o'clock of New Year's Day the crowd assembled, drew the slips, read the names, and proceeded on the series of calls, meeting again about four and going to the home of Professor Bowers.

Anna watched at the window. Soon the others noticed her eyes gleam with satisfaction and knew that Ellen had left the house. Quickly they reassured their principal of their hearty good wishes and hurried down the street. At the Murray home they stopped. Jeanne rang the bell. The door opened and there, to their utter astonishment, stood Ellen.

The boys and girls alike were speechless before even Jeanne recovered from her surprise Ellen, smiling and with eyes sparkling, greeted them with "A Happy New Year to you all." Then she invited them in. Jeanne, leader of the crowd, advanced, the others following slowly. There seemed nothing else to do. They were ushered into a most delightful living room and Ellen was urging them to sit down and stay with her a while. As Tom Bender exclaimed later, "If I had not sat down I would have fallen over from heart failure, for whoever heard of one person being in two places at one time?"

Ellen proved herself a charming hostess and if anything seemed queer about the almost silent group she allowed it to pass unnoticed. Mrs. Murray was equally lovely and after welcoming the young folks left them, to return shortly with hot chocolate, cake and candy. Soon, the restraint being broken, the crowd were gaily telling Ellen of their afternoon's calls.

In the course of the fun a peculiar sound was heard. Looking up the young people saw a wheel chair in which sat a boy no older than themselves. Surprise and pain flashed over their faces, but the boy wheeled the chair into their midst and greeted them quickly. "I'm Jack," he said, "Ellen's brother. And you are Jeanne, Anna, Tom, Bob and—you see, I know you from Ellen's description."

Tom was first to speak. "We never knew Ellen had a brother." To which Jack made reply, "No? Well, I've never been keen on her telling. I don't get outdoors except on the back porch—the chair is too heavy for mother and Ellen. And since you've never been here before you couldn't well know. But you are all so busy with your school work and good times, so Ellen says."

"Ellen's a dear and the brightest student in the school," replied Jeanne quickly.

"That's what I say," continued Jack, "but she only laughs. I don't know what I'd do without Ellen. After school she hears my lessons; rushes to the Library for reference work; then off to read to a blind woman; then home again to supper; and every evening we study together. She says the studying helps her and it surely does me because —some day, perhaps—I can walk again and then I'll not be tagging along without knowing anything. Ellen is a regular helper," he said appreciatively, "but she doesn't have any fun with it."

"She will after this, though—that is—" stammered Tom, "if you'll let me come some evenings and study with you. I can't do it like Ellen, but that would give her some time with the girls." "I'll come, too," put in Bob, and Ned laughed and said, "I'm no expert teacher, but I'll push that chair for you and get you outdoors to see the town—if you'll allow me."

Mrs. Murray and Ellen watched Jack to see how he would accept these suggestions, for since the accident he had been quite reserved and sensitive, but they rejoiced to hear him say, "Oh, boys, that will be great —and I surely thank you."

Jeanne walked over to Ellen and said, "And one afternoon each week I'll go read to Mrs. Barton." "So will I," said Betty, and Laura added, "I, too." Jack smiled and joyfully exclaimed, "Why, if you're all going to help we might form a helper's club!" Jeanne took up the suggestion at once, saying, "If we do we'll look to you and Ellen for leadership, but now we must go."

"But you'll come soon again?" questioned Ellen earnestly as she bid them good-by, to which they warmly answered, "Yes."

And often in the coming year the young folks gathered at Murray's, for with Jack as president of their newly organized Alton-High-School-at-Your-Service-Club the Murray home was made headquarters, and many were the ways of helpful service the members found to render.

When, on the last day of the year they met at Ellen's and sat before the open fireplace, many were the reminiscences of the passing year. Suddenly Anna Ellis exclaimed, "Ellen, the year has brought me you and you have taught me the way to be unselfish, loving and helpful. I'm ever so

grateful, but tonight I'm going to tell you something I've wanted to say all year long. Last year when we planned to make those calls I refused even to ring your doorbell or wish you a Happy New Year. I've been ever so ashamed and—" But Ellen stopped her. "Don't, please, Anna, I know."

"You know!" gasped the entire crowd, but Ellen laughed at their dismay and said, "Yes, at the Library that day I overheard you."

"You heard all those horrid things I said and yet you never said a word! Ellen you're a dear," Anna declared, but Tom interrupted with, "What I never could understand was how we saw Ellen go down the street and yet when we rang the bell she opened the door. It positively frightened me, it was so uncanny. Explain, please Miss Ellen."

"No, I'll explain," Mrs. Murray answered as she joined the group. "I realized that something had happened and questioned Ellen. Finally she told me. Then I decided to wear her coat and hat and go down the street, but return immediately by the back way while Ellen should come to the door when you rang. And," she said, "the plan worked, did it not?"

"Worked! Well, rather!" shouted the crowd. "Mother Murray, you are a clever one." The fun continued until Ellen ran to the window, saying, "Come on, it's time to watch the New Year in."

As the boys and girls looked out upon the starlit sky above the glistening snow-covered earth, the bells pealed forth, ringing out the Old Year and ringing in the New, and the silence in the room was broken by the joyous wishes of Ellen, the first to say, "A Happy New Year to you all." She looked at them lovingly and added, "And I believe it's going to be a better year than we've ever had before." Anna, putting her arms around her and hugging her tightly, whispered in her ear, "If it is, Ellen darling, it is because you have showed us the way."

The Luther League and the United Lutheran Church

BY REV. JOHN A. W. HAAS, D.D., LL.D.

IN reviewing the different influences and causes which have made it possible for the General Synod, the General Council and the United Synod South to combine into a unified body, the effect which the Luther League has produced must not be overlooked. When the full history of all the co-operating causes which produced the larger union of the Lutheran Church is recorded, an honorable place will be given to the Luther League.

Well can I recall its small beginnings in New York City, and the cautious manner in which Lutherans of different synods dared to meet to discuss their common problems. Before that some innocent Lutherans had believed that those not of their connections had horns and hoofs. And there are still some types of western Lutherans who have not yet gotten rid of this prejudice. What the Luther League did among the younger and coming laymen of the Church was to bring them into relationship. They began to become acquainted and to know each other. Through their various conventions men of the different synods were brought together on a common ground, without injuring or prejudicing their synodical connections. In the many conventions friendships were formed which were not confined to the bounds of one body.

The growth of the Luther League was contemporary with the growing consciousness of what was distinctively Lutheran. The Luther League allowed each group of Lutherans to hold their own positions and to utter their own convictions. It advised every individual League to be true to its own Church. This advice was in thorough unity with the Lutheran conception that in our government we must first look to the congregation. The Luther League never used force or violence to break existing relations. Its Lutheran tone was definite and clear, but never bitter and polemic. It helped to foster that type of Lutheranism which is clear and decisive, but not belligerent over against other Lutherans.

An important feature of the Luther League work has been the educational work. It led the young people to study the history and the teaching of their own Church. A love was aroused through it for our Lutheran Zion. A medium was formed in which the knowledge of what various Lutherans were doing came to be common

property. This educational work among the laymen was parallel to the various diets and the labor on a common service of the theologians. One of the reasons why our laymen were ready for a union was the work which the Luther League had done.

In all its work it never disregarded the counsel of the leaders. It always taught proper regard for the opinion of theologians and pastors. There was no desire among the laymen to have any unity which violated the faith. But perhaps because they had never been in the controversy of the Church their irenic spirit grasped the essentials in which we were one, so much more strongly than did the ministry. To the very end of the accomplishment of the union, the attitude of the laymen was this: let the theologians meet and see whether we cannot form a common doctrinal basis. And when it came to the test it was found that this was possible without any compromise to definite Lutheranism. What we men of the ministry must respect is the fact, that though the laymen were eager for a union and saw its possibility, they never violated the confessional foundation. They desired a union only upon the unity of faith. This result is in part due to the influence which the Luther League exerts. Through its conventions and the various papers presented in them, through the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW, through the Lutheran literature of a popular nature which it encouraged, the Luther League had helped on a larger understanding of the position of our Church.

New Year's Greetings of the State Presidents

Hon. Lewis Larson, President South Dakota League:

New Year's Day, 1918, finds us facing the most serious situation in our history. In this crucial test of courage and faith may no Luther League be found wanting! Let us pray as never before that we may be wide awake and be able to keep abreast with the rapidly shifting world conditions and that we may receive the wisdom and strength necessary for the task that is ours.

E. B. Westcott, President Luther League of Canada:

The Luther League of Canada sends greetings to the Luther League of America. We wish a joyful Christmas to all. May we in the coming new year see the world wrapped in peace—that peace that passeth all understanding! May we, one and all, thank our God for His guidance and protection and the success that has been attained by the Leaguers in His Vineyard during this great Quadri-Centennial of the Reformation. May it please our Heavenly Father to spare us to greater activities in the approaching new year.

O. C. C. Fetta, President Indiana State League:

In the passing of 1917 and the beginning of a new year may we rejoice together over the part our splendid Luther League has had and will have in the merger of the three great bodies of English Lutherans. May I wish for all the Leaguers of America what I earnestly wish for Indiana Leaguers—a renewed consecration and devotion in the work of our League among the young people.

Lewis A. Wilke, President New York State League:

On the eve of a new year we hope that the Luther League will do even more in the future than in the past. As we plan our work, let us stop to consider. We need that, patience, good judgment and much prayer. Let us bar all selfish and personal interests and work for a spirit of loyalty to the Church and Jesus our leader.

J. Alex. Nelson, President Illinois State League:

Another year of privileges and achievements has passed and in the providence of God we are again standing on the threshold of a new year. With thankful hearts to God for the many blessings we have received, may we face the new year resolved to be more alive to our opportunities, more appreciative of our privileges, more faithful to duty and more constant in service for Christ and His Church.

W. H. Menges, President Pennsylvania State League:

The year 1917, with all its Jubilee inspiration and enthusiasm, has gone. The year 1918 has come and brought great opportunities, to every Luther Leaguer, to work out our inspiration and enthusiasm. My prayer is that every Luther Leaguer will be found faithful.

Hon. W. S. T. Derr, President Oregon-Washington State League:

The Luther Leaguers of the Pacific Northwest rejoice at the beginning of the new year because they believe that with the consummation of the merger of the great English bodies of the Lutheran Church in America that the mission of the Luther League has been in a large measure fulfilled; not that its work has been done, but that fruits of its labors are bearing fruit, the commingling these past twenty-five years of our various delegates coming from the various synodical connections has enabled the Lutherans of this country to appreciate that we all are of the same faith and stock. We predict much greater things for our Lutheran young people through the medium of the Luther League movement.

Bessie L. Winders, President Iowa State League:

Iowa greets you and sends her most sincere wishes for peace, success and advancement for the year 1918. Yet a few short days and our Jubilee year will have ended, but not without its expected and hoped for results. As a State we feel our gains to have far outweighed our losses, and are praying that they continue ever upward to still greater service for our Master. That His richest blessing may descend upon our Lutheran young people and their most worthy cause throughout our land, is the desire of the League of Iowa.

Evan W. Tonsing, President Kansas State League:

The Luther League of Kansas, through its president, extends greetings of the New Year to all who are laboring for the furtherance of the cause which we hold dear, and wishes them the greatest success in their undertaking in the service of the Master.

Walter M. Wolff, President Nebraska State League:

Year 1918—hail! Oh, thou greatest year of the great! Nebraska wishes to transmit to all the Luther Leaguers of America thy most royal treasures of consecration to a faithful activity in the Master's work! In thee, may all their trials and burdens become as easy tasks, from whence shall spring a better—stronger—more useful—more worth-while, and above all, a more perfect Luther League!

George W. Rapps, President Wisconsin State League:

May every Luther Leaguer serve his Saviour and Church more devotedly and zealously in the year 1918 than ever before. May our conventions, State and national, be held during the ushering in of an era of peace, the glad fruition of our hopes and prayers and the will of God.

W. P. Steinhauser, Ph. D., President New Jersey State League:

Despite the unsettled condition of our country, the work of the Luther League has gone on with ever-increasing stimulation. Our eyes are fastened upon 1918. Let us benefit by the great experiences that have come to us in the past and with renewed vigor press on to larger developments of our cause. A great opportunity lies before us in making the Luther League the good right arm of our beloved Lutheran Church. Let us become consecrated messengers in the ranks of our Leagues and fulfill our mission as becomes true and loyal Leaguers. The Church expects you to fulfill your mission to the highest degree of your ability. May abundant success crown your efforts during 1918!

Otto H. Reisch, President Connecticut State League:

The Connecticut State Luther League extends to the State Luther Leagues of America best wishes for a prosperous and Happy New Year. We trust that the enthusiasm created by our Jubilee celebrations will continue throughout the years to come and that members will uphold their League at all times.

Rev. C. J. Rockey, President Minnesota State League:

Greeting! May the appreciation of the Reformation heritage developed during the Quadri-Centennial bring forth greater zeal and activity during 1918. Heavier responsibilities than we have ever borne are ours now. Our force is decreased by war, but our work dare not diminish. May God give us the courage, the strength, the will and the love!

O. C. Rohde, President Ohio State League:

In these times of world stress the Luther League faces its great opportunity. Its field of work is widened, and its possibilities increased. Let us make the most of our opportunity! Through faith, prayer and service let us make our Luther League the great agency for good in the Church which it should be.

THE RIGHT OF PRIVATE JUDGMENT

We deny that the only authority to decide our religious belief is the Pope. Every believer decides it for himself, with God's own Word as his absolute rule. Luther claimed this right in his immortal answer before the Diet of Worms, and in this he was the spokesman of all Protestants.

Among the Papers

WHERE MERIT COUNTS

Some of the boys in the new national army are getting pleasant surprises by this time. During their first weeks of training they had realized keenly their own awkwardness. Their feet kept getting tangled up and they could not get quick and sure crispness of action that the army drill calls for.

But they had tried hard and have caught the step faster than they realized. It is the report from the training camps that merit is pretty apt to be recognized. The army has never taken kindly to ideas of political favoritism. Men trained in splendid schools like West Point see the folly of trying to build up a strong and efficient organization on any other basis than real merit. So the fellows that have worked hard are being noticed and the best of them will soon be getting recognition.—*The Examiner.*

HARMONY

Often by talk, slander, jealousy, or otherwise the seed of dissatisfaction and unrest is sown in a congregation or young people's society, and if this obnoxious seed is not immediately uprooted it will grow and bring forth its fruit.

A congregation member or Leaguer is in some way or other offended by the words, ways, or actions of his fellow Christian, and instead of taking it to the offender, it is spread broadcast to many ears, which is not a Christian spirit.

In criticising our neighbor, let us always bear in mind that our faults may in some other way, greatly outnumber those of our neighbor.—*Walther League Messenger.*

DOGS IN RECENT WARS

The value of canine help on the battlefield has come to be recognized in all countries. No fewer than six hundred dogs took part in the Italian campaign in Tripoli, hundreds of wounded men who might otherwise have been left to their fate being found by the animals and duly rescued.

During the Russo-Japanese war the Russians employed hundreds of trained collies in Manchuria, with the result that numbers of wounded men were discovered who otherwise might have escaped the vigilance of an overworked ambulance corps.

In the Franco-German war, both sides employed dogs with great success. At the present time all the great powers at war place high value on the services of dogs. Germany alone has probably 10,000 dogs mobilized on her battle-fronts, and the Allies are training large numbers of dogs for use in ambulance work, sentinel and guard duty, the carrying of despatches and the transporting and convoying of ammunition and light artillery.—*Our Dumb Animals.*

ADVENT AGAIN

On one occasion the alumni of a great school were having a banquet, at which one of the best known ministers of America, Dr. Lyman Abbott the Unitarian, took the floor. In the course of his remarks he made the statement: "The Bible nowhere says that Jesus is God." When the festivity was ended, a good old preacher, one of the old fashioned believers, walked up to him and said: "Dr. Abbott, you say the Bible nowhere says that Jesus is God."

"Yes," was the reply, "and I maintain it: the Bible nowhere says it."

"Well, how about the first chapter of Saint John, 'In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and *the Word was God . . . and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us'?*"

"Oh," said Dr. Abbott, "that does not refer to Jesus."

"To whom, then, does it refer, Dr. Abbott?"

Dr. Abbott became confused and said "If you will read such and such a book, it will give you my views on the subject." So he shuffled and shifted, this apostle of human wisdom. And many follow his lead in these latter evil days.—*Lutheran Youth.*

CHILDREN IN THE CHURCH

The chances are good that a child in arms often gets as much benefit from a service as many an adult. In fact it may get much more. It certainly gets more benefit from its presence in God's house than that man or woman whose thoughts and attention are elsewhere, though their bodies are in the temple. Those who make their hearts, or permit Satan to make them, like the "roadside," upon which the Sower casts His seed in vain, surely cannot say that a child gets less benefit from the service than they.

But, supposing that children receive no spiritual benefit from church attendance, it still remains true that one very definite and important benefit remains, namely, the *habit* of regularly coming to God's house is established; and that is very important.—*Rev. Nothstein in The Lutheran Companion.*

General Secretary's Letter

Dear Friends:

I am writing to you from the Sunny South. Sunny in every sense of the word. It is the 8th of November; there is not a cloud in the sky, the air is balmy, and I have been walking abroad comfortably without a top coat.

I am in Salisbury, North Carolina, where the United Synod in the South is meeting. As I write the day is ending; the sun, a glorious red, is sinking beyond the horizon, sending out across the heavens streams of golden glow. I find myself unconsciously humming the melody, "The End of a Perfect Day." Yet it is not the beauty of nature alone that has suggested that song; there is another reason. The United Synod today has adopted the plan of merger of the three general bodies, and being the last of the three, it is now an assured fact.

Doctor Gehr at the meeting of the General Synod in Chicago, Doctor Haas at the meeting of the General Council in Philadelphia, and Doctor Bell here today all bore testimony to the fact that the Luther League had done the pioneer work in bringing Lutherans of various shades together that they might see face to face and speak eye to eye. And now my pen falters, my eyes grow dim and my lips form the words: "O Luther League, O Luther League, thy faith is bursting into sight." The Luther League has accomplished one of the great things whereunto it was sent.

There is not much to report for the United Synod. This is not a regular, but a special meeting, called to celebrate the Quadri-Centennial of the Reformation, and consists mostly of the making of speeches. Your secretary was privileged to present the cause of the Luther League, which prompted the following resolution on the part of the Synod: "We recommend that our congregations organize Luther Leagues with the study of The Topics, that our youth may become thoroughly acquainted with our cultus, doctrine and practices and be fitted for efficient leadership."

The last week in October was a great week in Philadelphia, for the General Council was in session holding its regular biennial convention, observing its fiftieth anniversary and celebrating the Quadri-Centennial of the Reformation. The addresses were masterly. The rendition of the "City of God" by a chorus of 400 voices and the Philadelphia Orchestra was magnificent. But the most remarkable day was the 25th, when after a day of eloquent addresses the proposed merger of the three general bodies was unanimously approved. These are great days in the world's history, and the Lutheran Church is going to measure up to her responsibility by making such a united and courageous stand for God, for truth and for country, as will help to solve the problems, and to solve them correctly, which confront and will confront us during the days of the reconstruction of the world's order and life. Let us pray that the adjustments necessary to our merger may be speedily and efficiently made.

The war has succeeded in accomplishing that in which all other efforts have been unsuccessful. All branches of the Lutheran Church in America are represented on the Lutheran War Commission, which has opened offices on Fifth avenue, in New York City, the gift of a non-Lutheran, and is intended to conserve the religious life of our boys in camps and upon the field of battle. Our own Mr. Eilert has been elected the treasurer. The Lutheran Church here has an unparalleled opportunity for showing her determined loyalty to country and her obedience to the commands of her Lord at this time. She dare not, must not, fail, and our Leaguers must help her in this endeavor.

It so happens that your secretary is the corresponding secretary of the Atlantic Agency of the American Bible Society. This organization is doing a tremendous work at the present time in printing and distributing Bibles in all languages to the soldiers and sailors. A Bible went to a soldier in France, who placed it in the breast pocket of his coat. A bullet from a German machine gun struck his breast and imbedded itself in the Bible; thus it became the savior of his natural as well as his spiritual life.

Your secretary was invited, together with the secretaries of the other denominational young people's associations, to meet with the Director-General of the American Red Cross, in Washington, D. C. Said society is about to inaugurate a department of Civilian Relief to care for the families of the soldiers and marines. The meeting was entirely informal. All present approved of the plan to have a brief handbook treating of the Home Service Work of the Red Cross for use in the study classes of each of the young people's societies represented.

It was suggested that this handbook

should consist of not more than 32 pages in eight chapters of practically equal length; that following each chapter there should be a series of questions designed to bring out the principles treated or the facts established in the chapter; that the book should be as concrete and graphic as possible; that no attempt be made to cover the whole field, but rather to establish essential and fundamental principles through illustrative statements of typical experiences; that the text ought to be ready not later than February 1st; that it should be distributed by the respective organizations; that the manner of its use should be determined by the respective organizations. All present agreed, however, that it should be in some form adapted to class work or discussion in the meetings of the young people's societies.

Your secretary was also invited by the Federal Council to meet with the War Time Committee of Conference of the Young People's Societies of the United States to plan a scheme of war time work and organization. The following program was adopted to be used as a whole or in such part as is practicable:

Committees

1. Flags, Honor Rolls, Work for the Church's own enlisted men.

1. National and service flags.

Every church should have at least one national flag and one service flag for display; preferably two each, two for the street, two for the altar space.

Cannot the young people see to this where it is not done, either by getting the privilege of raising the money, or by taking it up with the pastor, the board or the women?

2. Honor Roll.

Each society should have its honor roll, in addition to the church. If the church has none cannot the young people secure both?

3. Work for the church's own enlisted men.

Organized correspondence.

Using people who know typing.

Preparation of packages.

In this, mothers, wives and friends of soldiers should be invited to assist and to meet in the church for work.

Articles: knitted goods, sweets, books, papers, handy articles, clippings, etc.

Cannot young people's societies specialize here?

II. Red Cross Work.

1. Meeting as a group for Red Cross supplies; setting up Red Cross posters in the church and on outside bulletin boards; assistance in Red Cross membership campaign and other campaigns.

2. Home service manual classes.

(1) A study group in each society for a twelve lesson course.

(2) A reading club, each member to have the manual, presented by the Red Cross, this to be simultaneous with four successive devotional periods devoted to the course. The studies to be worked out by a common committee and submitted to each national society for its own issue.

III. Spiritual Service.

A weekly ministry of heart searching and prayer; emphasis on the spiritual factors of the struggle; increasing evangelism in the society; comfort in sorrow; spiritual courage and strength to the nation and to the men at the front and their loved ones at home, particularly hours of disaster, or of treachery at home; Christian principles in the reorganization of the world when the war ends.

IV. Other Patriotic Service.

Food conservation; economy in living; urgence upon supporting institutions of religion and charity; Liberty Bonds, including individual selling; classified enlistment of young people for service at home.

V. Societies Near Camps.

1. Keep open house for the men in uniform, and try to get the church open every day and evening. Social hour before the young people's meeting or after.

2. Make spiritual meetings very strong and attractive.

3. Get the young girls to gather with wise women and counsel them. Also watch for indiscretions.

VI. Church Committee on War Time Work.

Every church should have a committee on War Time Work, consisting at least of the pastor, a representative from the governing board, a representative each from the Young People's Society, the Sunday school, the Women's Society.

Cannot the young people promote this in churches not now organized?

This committee should study the war work of the church and the needs of the situation in which the church finds itself.

VII. Armenian and Syrian Relief.

Young people's societies are requested to join with the churches and Sunday schools in a nationwide Christian offering.

Two Sunday evenings.

(1) Historical and geographical setting.

(2) The massacre, deportation, present situation, needs.

(a) Young people to offer directly by monthly pledge or through church or Sunday school. Early in December (2, 9).

(b) Bring in the church, use own speakers.

(c) Study by com. to denominational leaders, they to arrange as desired.

We have crossed the threshold of another year. The year 1917 is gone, never to return; its mistakes cannot be corrected, its triumphs and achievements cannot be marred. The year 1917 stands as the product of our work. But life is not to be spent among the tombs of the dead yesterdays. We do not face the past; we face the future. The New Year of our Lord 1918 has arrived. New tasks await us: the hour that now is calls us. May you have a blessed and a prosperous New Year.

Yours for service,

HARRY HODGES,
General Secretary.

Luther League Review

OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE LUTHER LEAGUE
ISSUED MONTHLY BY THE
Luther League of America
IN THE INTERESTS OF
The Lutheran Church and Her Young People
REV. LUTHER M. KUHNS, EDITOR,
Omaha, Nebraska.
—with—

W. C. STOEVER, Litt.D., Philadelphia, Pa.
I. S. RUNYON, New York, N. Y.
J. M. REYNOLDS, Valatie, N. Y.
A. T. MICHLER, Philadelphia, Pa.

AS SPECIAL ASSOCIATES,
And the co-operation of the Literature Committee of the Luther League of America.

E. F. EILERT, PUBLISHER,
New York,
SUBSCRIPTION, 60 CENTS A YEAR

Send all articles, communications and news items that concern the Editorial Department to the Editor, Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, 440 Paxton Block, Omaha, Nebraska.

Send remittances in stamps, Post Office or Express Money Order, Draft, or Registered Letter, and all communications relating to business to

Luther League Review

Publication Office, 318-326 West Thirty-ninth street, New York.

Entered at the N. Y. Post Office as Second Class Matter.

Editorial

THE NEW YEAR

Praise to God, immortal praise,
For the love that crowns our days;
Bounteous Source of every joy,
Let Thy praise our tongues employ;
All to Thee, our God, we owe,
Source whence all our blessings flow.

O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth; who hast set thy glory above the heavens.

What is man that thou art mindful of him: and the son of man that thou visitest him?

ANOTHER YEAR

Retrospect and prospect both of the closing year and its newborn offspring at this season are opportune. The days of 1917 carried with them into the past much that will make history. Seasons of anxiety and trial have arisen, but the year now ending will form a page in the new era. Progress will be its stamp on the page of the new age. The hands on the clock will not turn backward. The world never again will be the same. God's hand is in human history. A new era of progress, an uplift of humanity, lies before us. God governs the world and He rules among the nations of earth, and men cannot drift beyond the love and care of His providence. A survey of the departed year imparts courage and hope and faith as 1918 bids us welcome. While nothing is or can be known of what its unborn days contain, it is enough to know that God is with us, and our faith can never doubt His infinite and all-wise purposes that work together for our good.

THE NEXT CONVENTION OF THE LUTHER LEAGUE OF AMERICA

Official announcement is made that the Thirteenth Convention of the Luther League of America will be held in Buffalo, N. Y., in 1918. At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Luther League of America, held in October in the city of Philadelphia, a cordial and gracious invitation extended by the Lutherans of Buffalo was accepted unanimously. The exact date will be announced later. It is highly probable the Convention will be held at some time during the summer season to enable a large attendance upon the Convention of our Lutheran young people.

GIVE US A BOOST

This is an appropriate time to subscribe for the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW. Farmers, merchants, bankers, mechanics all have their periodicals, which keep them abreast of the times. It is a part of business sagacity, and the up-to-date business man reads his trade journal. A lamentable fact it is that a large number of our members do not take the REVIEW. Even some League officers do not read the REVIEW. To be without the REVIEW means lack of knowledge of the extensive operations of the Leagues and of the general activities of this great movement. Why not turn over a new leaf? Why not inaugurate the new year with a Luther League subscription? Why not a LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW in the

home of every Luther Leaguer in 1918? You can help. Will you bring the REVIEW to the attention of your friends, and speak of it to interest all of our Leaguers to become subscribers? Give us your help.

BACK THEM UP

Back up the boys at the front. From homes all over the land fathers, sons and brothers have gone forth to defend the flag. Give them the needed courage by letting them know the home base supports them without reserve. We expect great things of them, and rightfully they expect of us equally great things. Make the men at the front safe from the rear and strong and courageous by stout-hearted endorsement at home.

NO HALF-WAY SUPPORT

Public sentiment will sustain the men who are using their best endeavors to win the war. The administration at Washington issues a call to the country for support. The patriotic sentiment of the nation will permit no obstacle to be thrown in its way. An epoch which is a crisis has befallen the world, and it is our part as citizens and churchmen in every way in our power to assist those charged with this most weighty responsibility. Half-way measures will not answer. Our rallying to the Government's call must be that of unquestioned loyalty.

FOR THE FAITH

One hundred thousand Lutheran men in the army and navy of our country appeal to the faith of their fathers and rightfully turn to the Church of their creed for spiritual care in the world's greatest war. Well is it that a Lutheran commission for service in the war has been organized, and that this commission proposes to care for the spiritual wants of the soldiers and sailors who belong to our household of faith. By co-operating with the work of this commission we are aiding our men who have made sacrifices and who have offered their lives for the country's honor. In this way we are doing our bit to aid the administration at Washington to win the war. Christian faith and Christian courage are at a premium. We must keep our men spiritually strong, morally clean, that they may be physically equipped for the hardness they shall endure as good soldiers. In this way we extend to them the hand of brotherhood. Let each one do his utmost, for we must realize that there is only one way out of this awful war with its dreadful carnage, and that is by fighting it through to a triumphant end.

AMERICANISM

No day equals this to take stock of our own ideals, purposes and opportunities. This nation was not intended to perpetuate the evils which cursed the rest of the world for centuries. The object, purpose and destiny of America have been to guarantee liberty and freedom and not to form an insurmountable obstruction to progress, but to alleviate and remove conditions which have become intolerable. The hand of Providence has been a guiding hand in all our history and the Presidents of this nation have been men of faith and prayer. Today God has put us into a position in which America as never before, can and will powerfully tell on history. It is a time when destiny is shaping. The ideals of Washington and the purposes of Lincoln are unfolded before the world and the spirit of our American institution is revealed as never before. The sentiments of our constitutional statesmen in interpreting American ideals, are exhibited to the world in lofty democracy. The duty of Americans is plain. The duty of churchmen is plain. In this crisis there is only one position a loyal American can take. He upholds his country's flag, the symbol of our civil liberty and self-government, and he makes whatever sacrifice may be necessary that the American ideals and the American spirit and the American purposes require for their support and maintenance. In the United States, American ideas must prevail. The purposes of the American Government must be vindicated.

"The virtue of silence under trial is one of the rarest virtues and the most difficult to acquire, therefore it is most pleasing to God and most conducive to the strength and beauty of Christian character."

Luther League Supplies

Luther League Topics

"These are the best topics ever issued for use at young people's devotional meetings. The Lessons are arranged in accordance with the general plan of the Church Year. They are Biblical and Doctrinal, Historical and Missionary and contain appropriate Daily Bible Readings, Scripture references and illustrative suggestions. They are largely used and deserve to be adopted by every Lutheran Young People's Society."

Issued Quarterly as a 32-page Pamphlet in Dec., March, June and Sept.

Each quarterly number ready on the 15th of the month preceding.

100 copies 1 year...$7.00		100 copies 1 quarter.$2.50	
75 copies 1 year... 6.00		75 copies 1 quarter. 2.00	
50 copies 1 year... 4.00		50 copies 1 quarter. 1.50	
25 copies 1 year... 2.00		25 copies 1 quarter. .75	

One copy 1 year.....15 cents

Luther League Reading Courses

Adopted by the Luther League of America

These books ought to be in the library of every Lutheran Sunday School and Young People's Society. **They can easily be** secured, as will be noted below.

Quadri-Centennial Course

Life of Luther, Dr. Wm. Rein; The Truth of the Apostles' Creed; Lutheran Manual; History of the Reformation, Peters; Praying and Working; Schoenberg Cotta Family, or choice of Friar of Wittenberg, Knight in Grey, or Blind Girl of Wittenberg.

The first five books and one of the last four will be sent by express or parcel post prepaid for $4.00. Or we will give these six books as a premium on receipt of $12.50 for 25 new subscriptions to the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW.

Supplemental Reading Course

Life of Luther, Wackernagel, $1.50; Life of Melanchthon, Stump, $1.25; Reformation Dawn, Painter, 50 cents; Ecclesia Lutherana, Seiss, $1.00; Katherine Von Bora, Endelich, $1.00; Gustavus Adolphus, Monroe, 50 cents; The Explanation of the Common Service, 75 cents; Way of Salvation, Gerberding, $1.00; Elements of Religion, Jacobs, $1.25; Lutheran Foreign Missions, Lauray, $1.25; Sacred Meditations, Gerhard, $1.00.

We will send any of these books postpaid on receipt of price quoted, or on receipt of $5.00 for 10 new subscriptions to the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW will send any choice of $2.00 worth of books as a premium.

Junior Reformation Celebration Reading Course

Martin of Mansfield, Seebach; Lutheran Landmarks, Frick; The Schoolmaster and Son, Caspari.

These three valuable books for the Juniors will be sent postpaid on receipt of $2.00.

Luther League Hymnal

A Book with Lutheran Music, for Lutheran Young People's Societies

Contains 250 well selected hymns set to bright, singable music, and the Opening and Closing Services for League meetings. The Hymnal has been adopted by State, Local and Individual Leagues and Societies in every part of our country. The hymns and tunes are among the best to be had.

Bound in Cloth, with music, postpaid, - 60 cents
" " words only, " - 20 cents

Luther League Badge

Every Lutheran and Luther Leaguer should wear this badge. It is the official badge adopted by the Luther League of America. Designed from Luther's Coat of Arms, and is full of meaning.

PRICES

Clasp Pin, Stick Pin or Button, Solid Gold.....$1.00
" " " Rolled Plate.... .50
" " " Gilt ..... .25

With Hanger, 50 cents extra.

Watch Charms, with Emblems both sides, Solid Gold 5.00
Watch Charms with Emblems both sides, Rolled Gold 2.50

Maltese Cross or Star Shape.

See page 2 for cut and prices of MIDGET BADGES.

Cash must invariably accompany all orders and should be addressed to the

LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW,
318-326 W. 39th St., New York City.

THE PRIZE WINNER, UPHELD BY QUALITY

STIEFF PIANOS

Quality is built in every section of this remarkable piano. Also pianos of other makes to suit the most economical. Convenient terms. Write for illustrated catalogue and book of suggestion.

CHARLES M. STIEFF,
9 N. LIBERTY STREET, BALTIMORE, MD.

Pennsylvania College of Gettysburg

The oldest Lutheran College in America. We offer the following college courses, all leading to a Bachelor's Degree:

1. Classical: Latin and Greek.
2. Latin and Modern Languages.
3. History and Political Science.
4. Scientific: Chemistry and Physics.
5. Pre-Medical: Biology.
6. Commerce and Finance.
7. Civil Engineering.
8. Municipal Engineering.
9. Mechanical Engineering.
10. Electrical Engineering.

The only Lutheran College offering any of the last five courses.

GETTYSBURG ACADEMY

ranks with the best secondary schools in the country. New up-to-date building. Annual total cost to student $280 to $320.

The course in Military Science and Tactics is optional and open free of charge to students of both the College and the Academy.

Both institutions open the third Wednesday in September. For illustrated literature free of charge write

President WILLIAM A. GRANVILLE, Ph.D., LL.D.,
Gettysburg, Penna.

Muhlenberg College

ALLENTOWN, PA.

Opens on the second Thursday in September in new and modern buildings.

It offers a Classical and a Scientific Course. The charges are moderate and the accommodations superior.

The Academic Department will be continued at Fourth and Walnut Streets under improved conditions, and prepares for any College, for Teaching and Business.

Send for free catalogue.

Rev. John A. W. Haas, D.D., President
Frank G. Sigman
Principal of the Academic Department.

Susquehanna University

Beautifully located on the West bank of the Susquehanna River, at Selinsgrove, Pa.

Strong faculty. Excellent buildings, with all modern conveniences.

The Academy—four years' preparatory course.
The College of Liberal Arts—leading to Bachelor degrees.
The Conservatory of Music—leading to Mus. B.
Special Teachers' Course during Spring and Summer terms.
The School of Business—diploma at graduation.
The School of Elocution, Oratory and Art.

For Catalog Address

CHARLES T. AIKENS, D.D., President
or
W. T. HORTON, Registrar, Selinsgrove, Penna.

Our Churches and Institutions

In Some of Our Large Cities

NEW YORK

—Rev. Emil Weber, of Yonkers, an active Luther Leaguer when in the pastorate, is now chaplain with the Fifty-fourth Infantry, United States Regular Army, at Chickamauga Park, Ga. He joined the regiment October 24. On the evening of Sunday, October 28, he was the speaker at the Reformation service in the Lutheran Mission of Chattanooga. Chaplain Weber has found a number of Lutheran boys glad to welcome him.

—Rev. William Freas, having resigned the pastorate of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Jersey City, N. J., is now the secretary of the new Lutheran Commission for Soldiers and Sailors in New York City. The scope of this commission is national.

PHILADELPHIA

—Rev. A. T. Michler, editor of the Intermediate and Junior Luther League Topics, was installed pastor of the Church of the Redeemer, November 18.

—At its meeting in Philadelphia, the General Council instructed its treasurer, Mr. A. G. Anderson, to subscribe for $5,000 of the second Liberty Bond issued out of the funds in his hands.

—The Jubilee Convention of the General Council was held in Philadelphia, October 24 to 29. This convention was notable for its personnel, its patriotism and its progressive conservatism. The reports of the work in its various departments were most encouraging. The climax of the convention was reached in its unanimous endorsement of the proposed merger of the General Synod, the United Synod in the South and the General Council. Thursday was the memorable day, and the whole matter pertaining to the union received full and impartial consideration under the leadership of Dr. Schmauk, the president. Official representatives of the three bodies in the formulation of the proposed constitution for the United Lutheran Church, and also the official delegates of both the General Synod and United Synod were seated upon the platform. The Swedish and German elements, through representative brethren, expressed themselves upon the subject of the merger. After some discussion, all obstacles seemed to vanish. Dr. Henry Eyster Jacobs declared with deep emotion that the movement was from God, and that the time had come when the three bodies should be one. When the vote was taken there was not a dissenting voice. With uplifted hearts, the assembly joined in

"Now thank we all our God,
With heart and hand and voices."

—On November 7, at Salisbury, N. C., the United Synod in the South, by unanimous vote, passed with approval the plan for the merger of the General Synod, the General Council and the United Synod in the South. The three general bodies have thus all adopted the plan for merger by unanimous action. It now remains only for the District Synod of the General Council and the United Synod in the South to ratify the action of their General Bodies.

CHICAGO

—We do not have space to tell of all the large Reformation celebrations throughout the country. Notable celebrations were held in New York, in Philadelphia and in Chicago. In Chicago, with the exception of the Missouri Synod churches, all the Lutheran churches jointly celebrated the Quadri-centennial of the Reformation in Medinah Temple, seating 5,300 persons, on October 28. The speakers on this occasion were Rev. J. C. Seeger, D.D., Columbia, S. C., and Rev. S. P. Long, D.D., Mansfield, Ohio. The Lutheran Woman's League of Chicago was represented by Mrs. C. E. Hoffsten. Patriotic resolutions, which had been drafted, were presented by Rev. C. E. Hoffsten and unanimously adopted by a rising vote. A chorus of 1,000 voices sang choice selections and led the vast audience in singing the great hymns of the church.

MINNEAPOLIS

—The new seminary of the United Norwegian Lutheran Church of America opened September 11 with 130 students. The new class has sixty-four members.

SALEM, VIRGINIA

—Military training has been introduced in Roanoke College with gratifying results. The college battalion is ready for extended order drill. The men expect soon to be supplied with uniforms and guns.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.

—Professor Wegehaupt, having resigned his professorship in Concordia Seminary, Porto Allegre, Brazil, has entered the pro-seminary at Springfield, Ill., as assistant teacher.

(*Continued on page* 25.)

EST. 1877
R. Geissler, Inc.
Church Furnishings, *in all materials.*
ALTARS, PULPITS, LECTERNS, FONTS, FABRICS, EMBROIDERIES.
MEMORIAL TABLETS, STAINED GLASS WINDOWS.
56 WEST 8TH ST. NEW YORK.

Luther League

SEND IN THE NEWS—Under this heading we aim to give the fullest reports possible of all District and Local Leagues. Secretaries and other officers are earnestly solicited to send in reports and items of news promptly.

Luther League of America

Organized at Pittsburgh, Pa., October 30 and 31, 1895, by delegates representing State, District and individual organizations from twenty different States in the Union and District of Columbia.

OFFICERS

President, C. T. A. ANDERSON, 35 South Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.

First Vice-President, O. C. ROHDE, 1422 Birchell Rd., Homeville, Toledo, Ohio.

Second Vice-President, GEO. W. RAPPS, 2312 Chestnut St., Milwaukee.

General Secretary, HARRY HODGES, 838 Drexel Bldg., Philadelphia, Pa.

Literature Secretary, Rev. LUTHER M. KUHNS, 440 Paxton Block, Omaha, Nebr.

Treasurer, P. WALTER BANKER, 203 Pierce St., Kingston, Pa.

Executive Committee

Composed of the President, Vice-Presidents, General Secretary, Literature Secretary, Treasurer, and the following members:

Hon. E. F. EILERT (Chairman), 318 West 39th St., New York City.
WILLIAM C. STOEVER, Lit. D., Philadelphia, Pa.
Rev. E. A. TRABERT, Lima, Ohio.
O. C. C. FETTA, Indianapolis, Ind.
I. S. RUNYON, New York.
Rev. G. F. GEHR, Wilkinsburg, Pa.
JAMES M. REYNOLDS, Valatie, N. Y.
Rev. M. J. BIEBER, D.D., Montreal, Canada.

☞ All communications regarding membership, constitutions, statistics, etc., should be addressed to the General Secretary, Harry Hodges, 838 Drexel Bldg., Philadelphia, Pa.

☞ All communications regarding Publications, Literature, Topics, Reading Course, etc., should be addressed to the Literature Secretary, Rev. Luther M. KUHNS, 440 Paxton Block, Omaha, Nebr.

Literature Committee

Rev. LUTHER M. KUHNS (Chairman), 440 Paxton Block, Omaha, Nebr.
Hon. E. F. EILERT, New York.
I. S. RUNYON, New York.
Rev. YOST BRANDT, Albany, N. Y.
Prof. H. G. DEININGER, Philadelphia, Pa.
Miss MARY ST. JOHN, R. F. D., Troy, N. Y.
Mrs. HENRY E. RASSMUSEN, Canton, So. Dak.

Finance Committee

P. WALTER BANKER (Chairman), 203 Pierce St., Kingston, Pa.
JAMES M. REYNOLDS, Valatie, N. Y.
CHAS. E. MATTHES, Mansfield, Ohio.
CHAS. L. TRABERT, Berkeley, Calif.
Hon. LOUIS LARSEN, Sioux Falls, So. Dak.
C. J. DRIEVER, Chicago, Ill.
Rev. HARVEY S. LAWRENCE, Peabody, Kan.

Junior and Intermediate Committee

Rev. A. T. MICHLER (Chairman), 3362 34th St., Falls of Schuylkill, Philadelphia, Pa.
CHARLES W. FUHR, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Rev. E. A. TRABERT, Lima, Ohio.
Mrs. E. C. CRONK, Columbia, So. Car.
Miss L. W. RICE, Baltimore, Md.
Rev. C. M. TEUFEL, Pittsburgh, Pa.

STATE LEAGUES

LUTHER LEAGUE OF NEW YORK STATE—
Pres., LOUIS A. WILKE, 169 Keil St., N. Tonawanda.
Sec., CLARENCE C. DITTMER, 286 Park Pl., Brooklyn.
Treas., OSCAR ROTHE, 1110 Park St., Syracuse.

LUTHER LEAGUE OF PENNSYLVANIA—
Pres., WM. H. MENGES, Menges Mills.
Sec., MARION V. HIRZEL, 1810 No. 21st St., Philadelphia.
Treas., M. HALLER FREY, 927 S. Queen St., York.

LUTHER LEAGUE OF NEW JERSEY—
Pres., DR. W. P. STEINHAEUSER, Asbury Park.
Sec., MISS ELIZABETH VAN DUSEN, Perth Amboy.
Treas., CAROLENA NOLDE, P. O. Box 249, Riverside.

LUTHER LEAGUE OF ILLINOIS—
Pres., J. ALEX NELSON, 4917 Fletcher, Chicago.
Sec., ELIZABETH SODERHOLM, Harrisburg.
Treas., SILAS HAGEN, Route 6, Morris, Ill.

LUTHER LEAGUE OF OHIO—
Pres., O. C. ROHDE, 1422 Birchell Rd., Homeville, Toledo.
Sec., MARION CAINES, 441 Western Ave., Toledo.
Treas., C. E. MATTHES, Mansfield.

LUTHER LEAGUE OF WISCONSIN—
Pres., GEORGE W. RAPPS, 2312 Chestnut St., Milwaukee.
Sec., JEROME JOHANSON, 164 Franklin Ave., Oshkosh.
Treas., OSCAR A. CHRISTIANSON, Box 102, Stoughton.

LUTHER LEAGUE OF INDIANA—
Pres., O. C. C. FETTA, Indianapolis.
Sec., Mrs. MARIE IVERSON, 630 Downey St., Indianapolis.
Treas., W. F. RENZ, 3416 Webster St., Fort Wayne.

LUTHER LEAGUE OF IOWA—
Pres., BESSIE L. WINDERS, 1206 No. Sixth St., Burlington.
Sec., EDWARD ERICKSON, 1403 A Ave., West Cedar Rapids.
Treas., CLARENCE A. NORLAND, 110 So. 10th St., Marshalltown.

LUTHER LEAGUE OF SOUTH DAKOTA—
Pres., Hon. LEWIS LARSEN, 220 Paulton Bldg., Sioux Falls.
Sec., HENRY W. STELLNER, Aberdeen.
Treas., M. L. SWANBERG, Sisseton.

LUTHER LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA—
Pres. REV. C. J. ROCKEY, 402 Irving Ave. N., Minneapolis, Minn.
Sec. MISS MABLE SANDER, Lindstrom, Minn.
Treas. EDGAR ELFSTRAUT, Lindstrom, Minn.

LUTHER LEAGUE OF CONNECTICUT—
Pres., OTTO REISCH, Southington.
Sec., CLARA A. SUCHER, 186 Gilbert Ave., New Haven.
Treas., EMIL FROBEL, Meriden.

LUTHER LEAGUE OF OREGON-WASHINGTON—
Pres., W. S. T. DERR, Vancouver, Wash.
Sec., ELSA WEISSMILLER, Seattle, Wash.
Treas., ESTHER LARSON, 361 31st St., Astoria, Ore.

LUTHER LEAGUE OF NEBRASKA—
Pres., Walter M. Wolfe, 1317 South 26th St., Omaha.
Sec., Thea Hansen, North Platte.

LUTHER LEAGUE OF KANSAS—
Pres., EVAN W. TONSING, 500½ Commercial St., Atchison.
Sec., ALFRED J. BIEL, care Midland College, Atchison.
Treas., ROBERT ALBACH, 618 West 4th St., Lawrence.

LUTHER LEAGUE OF MICHIGAN—
Pres., A. E. BURKE, Kalamazoo.
Sec., RAY SENUSKY, Detroit.
Treas., MR. BRULAND, Detroit.

LUTHER LEAGUE OF CANADA—
Pres., E. B. WESTCOTT, Trinity, Hamilton.
Sec., ADELINE OTTERBEIN, 417 Wilson St., Hamilton.
Treas., BRUNEAU KNAUFF, Waterloo, Ont.

District Leagues in States Not Organized

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA LUTHER LEAGUE—
Pres., F. W. LEONHARDT, 1009 D St., N. E., Washington.
Sec., G. R. HUTTEL, 94 Rhode Island Ave., N. W., Washington.
Treas., G. H. GODRON, 4608 Georgia Ave., N. W., Washington.

LUTHER LEAGUE OF CENTRAL CALIFORNIA—
Pres., CHAS. L. TRABERT, 2736 Elmwood Ave., Berkeley.
Sec., Dorothy Roehl, 583 34th St., Oakland, Calif.
Treas., MYRON HESTORFF, 337 Salinas St., Salinas.

LUTHER LEAGUE OF BALTIMORE—
Pres., CARL M. DISTLER, ESQ., 2905 N. Calvert St., Baltimore.
Sec., JAMES MCCALLISTER, 408 No. Lakewood Ave., Baltimore.
Treas., HELEN STEGMAN, Baltimore.

NEW YORK

BROOKLYN AND LONG ISLAND DISTRICT

—The convention of the Luther League of Brooklyn and Long Island was held, afternoon and evening of November 20. There were a larger number of delegates and visitors present than at any preceding convention. All the reports showed that the district is becoming a "live wire." Sister Jennie Christ, of New York, was the principal speaker for the afternoon. Her address on the deaconess work was inspiring and instructive. Pastor Freas, of Jersey City, spoke on the Lutheran work among soldiers, and Dr. W. A. Snyder, the president of the Brooklyn and Long Island Inner Mission Society, spoke on the needs of that work. The district League has raised more than half of its apportionment of the Jubilee Fund, and is looking forward to entertaining the New York State Convention. Convention committees have been appointed and active work has been commenced. Special emphasis was placed upon devotional work and work for the welfare of soldiers. The following officers were elected: President, Rev. Harold S. Miller; recording secretary, Mr. Clarence C. Dittmer; corresponding secretary, Mr. Herbert Ruckmich; treasurer, Miss Caroline Niebling. The speaker for the evening session was Dr. S. P. Long, of Mansfield, Ohio. He spoke effectively and well on Resolutions for All Lutherans. The Luther League of Holy Trinity, Hollis, and the Luther League at Rosedale were admitted into membership at this meeting. It was a splendid convention.

RHINEBECK DISTRICT

—A Luther League rally commemorating the Quadri-centennial was held November 10 in St. John's Church, Poughkeepsie. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Walter D. Miller, D.D., Rev. George Hipsley, D.D., Rev. Yost Brandt, Rev. Dr. Boomhauer and Rev. R. Heinz.

—Features of the fall work of the Luther League of St. John's Church, Hudson, Rev. W. H. W. Reimer, pastor, were an illustrated lecture on the Reformation by the pastor, and a rally addressed by Rev. Albert Weaver.

MOHAWK VALLEY DISTRICT

—Rev. F. R. Krauch, on October 2, delivered the address at the annual fall rally of the Luther League of St. John's Church, Canajoharie, N. Y., in which he spoke on how the young Lutheran can do his part in the celebration of the four hundredth anniversary of the Reformation.

WASHINGTON DISTRICT

—The Luther Leaguers of Washington were pleased to note the suggestion in the November copy of the REVIEW that the Leagues hold a Consecration Service at the beginning of a new year's work. The Luther League Central of Washington held such a service on Wednesday evening, November 16, at Zion's Church, primarily for the officers and the members of the committees. The devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. Charles F. Steck, D.D., followed by an address by the Rev. William A. Wade, in which he called the Leaguers to service. Reports concerning various activities of the organization were then made, as well as committee assignments, and these were followed by an address by the Rev. Richard Schmidt on "The Opportunities of Our Luther League Central in and About Washington." The service closed with prayer by the Rev. John C. Twele. Official action has since been taken that the Luther League Central enter upon Inner Mission work, and to report a membership of 400 to the Luther League of America. The district numbers nine local organizations.

LUTHER LEAGUERS

CAN YOU ANSWER THESE?

How did the Lutheran Church make the Panama Canal possible?
Did the Lutheran Church give khaki cloth to the world?
In what Lutheran nation do the men do all the family cooking?
Of what Lutheran nation is it said: "It has illustrated the fact that 'Righteousness exalteth a nation'?"
What Lutheran pastor conducted a "ragged school" nearly fifty years before Robert Raikes?

These and many other interesting questions are answered in

Our Lutheran Church

THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR BOOK

Partial List of Contents:

Uppsala Cathedral in Word and Picture—Christian Life in Lapland—Notable Lutherans of many Lands—Four Articles on Luther—General Survey of Lutheran Activities throughout the World—Lutheran Artists, Musicians and Writers, with Examples of their Work—Oldest Lutheran Church in America—Two Hundred and Seventy-five Years of Lutheran Work among the Indians, beginning with the Work of Campanius—Maps of All Lutheran Mission Fields—New Lutheran Institutions Erected During the Year—Notable Lutheran Anniversaries, etc., etc.

All the articles are prepared with the purpose of making them usable in Luther League meetings, Sunday-school classes, Mission Study classes, etc. A cumulative index will give the book the character of a Lutheran Encyclopedia. Keep a copy on your library table.

Printed on fine book paper in doutone ink, with rich art cover. About 128 pages, size 6½x9 inches. Price 75 cents net. discount on quantities. Order, before the edition is exhausted, from your publishing house or from the editor,

REV. IRA O. NOTHSTEIN
627 44th Street **Rock Island, Ill.**

PENNSYLVANIA

B. M. C. DISTRICT

—The North Penn Luther League Conference was held November 18 at 2 o'clock in Jerusalem Church, Almont. Mr. George Wiedemoyer gave a "five minute talk" on the question, "In What Way Can We Develop Leaders in League," and Mr. Elmer E. Becker, in similar time, stated "What Are the Functions of the District, State and National Luther League Organizations?" Following these talks was an address by Prof. Robert Fritch, of Muhlenberg College.

ALLENTOWN DISTRICT

—The twenty-third annual convention of the Allentown District League was held in St. John's Church, Fullerton, November 13. At the afternoon session the address was by Rev. A. T. W. Steinhaeuser, subject, "On Reading Luther." Early in the evening there was a conference on Luther League work led by Francis C. Leupold. In the evening there were addresses on "The Challenge of the Year," by Rev. R. R. Rudolph, and "Our Luther League Obligations," by Francis C. Leupold.

—The Luther League of our church at Eas-

ton, Rev. A. M. Stump, pastor, has recently purchased a piano for its Sunday school and is also contributing $20 monthly toward the building fund.

UPPER LEHIGH VALLEY DISTRICT

—The forty-fourth convention of the Upper Lehigh Valley District Luther League was held, November 20-21, in Salem Church, Audenried, Rev. David H. Frederick, pastor. The theme of the convention was "The Protestant Reformation," and some of the topics discussed were as follows: "The Cause and Effect of the Reformation," "Luther at Wartburg and Coburg," "A Challenge to Church Loyalty" by Rev. M. Luther Zweizig, "Luther at Marburg," and "The Lutheran Church in America."

NORTH EASTERN DISTRICT

—General Secretary Hodges, of the Luther League of America, delivered the Reformation address at the Luther League rally in Christ Lutheran Church, Wilkes Barre, on November 13.

YORK DISTRICT

—The twenty-third annual convention of the York District Luther League was held in St. Luke's Church, York, Rev. Albert Bell, pastor, November 8, 1917. The morning session was given principally to business. Three new Leagues were received. The treasurer's report was the best in the history of the League as to dues, but an effort will be put forth to raise the balance of the district Quadri-centennial $500 Jubilee Fund. The statistician reported 698 senior members and 343 Junior.

At the afternoon session conferences were conducted on "Senior Work and Workers," "The Value of Co-operation" and "Junior Organizations—Why and How?" The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, M. Haller Frey, York; vice-president, John Miller, Glen Rock; secretary, Stella J. Schaeffer, York; treasurer, Pauline Lehn, York, and statistician, Louise Hoffman, Red Lion. The convention accepted the invitation of the Luther League of Glen Rock to hold the next annual district convention in Zion Lutheran Church, Glen Rock. Mr. W. H. Menges, president of the State organization, urged a full quota of delegates to the State and national conventions, presented the cause of young men for the ministry, the men called to engage in the present world conflict and the Jubilee Fund. Stella J. Schaeffer, York; Rosie Henry, Seven Valley; John L. R. Schiding, York; John Miller, Glen Rock, and Pauline Lehn, York, were elected as delegates from the district to the next State convention at Greensburg, and Mr. W. H. Menges, Menges Mills, and M. Haller Frey, York, were elected delegates to the next national convention.

At 7 p. m. a model Junior meeting was held in charge of the Junior Work Committee, Mrs. John L. R. Schiding, chairman. Master Edgar Myers conducted the devotional services and a chorus of 116 Juniors sang and participated in the model meeting.

The address at the evening session was delivered by Rev. M. J. Bieber, D.D., of the executive committee of the Luther League of America, on the subject "Reformation Application." Among the resolutions passed were the following: That a more general use be made of the Junior and Senior League topics and that the local societies subscribe for the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW and Topic booklets; that as individuals and local societies we endeavor to influence worthy young men to enter the ministry; that the local Leagues be urged to pray for their members who have been called to the front in the present world war and remember them by an occasional letter and in every way ease their burdens.

The literature committee had on hand an exhibit of literature, pictures and curios from Japan and other foreign fields. More than 100 delegates and visitors attended the convention.

PITTSBURGH DISTRICT

—The fall convention of the Pittsburgh District Luther League was held in Christ Church, E. E., Pittsburgh, on Thursday, November 15. The theme of the convention was "Quadri-centennial Visions of Wider Service." Among the subjects for discussion and addresses are the following: "Why Stand Ye Idle?" "Caring for the Stranger"; "Recruiting for the Ministry"; "A More Efficient League" (a) "In Our Meetings" (b) "In Our Activities."

—The Pittsburgh District Luther League and the Luther League of the Joint Synod of Ohio, together with other Lutheran Young People's Societies, are expecting to hold a joint mass meeting some time during the next few months.

—In the Majestic Theatre, Rochester, under the auspices of the Luther Leagues of the district, on October 14, a special Reformation service was held. Mr. D. A. Kommel, of Monaca, the general chairman, was in charge. Lutheran ministers of the county were on the platform. A chorus of about 100 voices under the direction of Mr. Charles J. Bedison, of New Brighton, sang. An address was delivered by Rev. S. P. Long, D.D., of Mansfield, Ohio.

WEST VIRGINIA

WHEELING DISTRICT

—The Wheeling District Luther League convention met in St. John's Church, Rev. J. L. Fischer, pastor, November 7. Mr. John Metzger was continued as president. Miss Irma Vass is the new secretary, who succeeds Miss Lena Ebeling, for six years the efficient secretary, but now in the University of Pittsburgh. The topics were timely and elicited unusual discussion. The new "Common Service Book with Hymnal" came in for illumination and most hearty commendation. A copy was shown the convention. The evening address was delivered by Rev. R. T. Vorberg, Marietta, Ohio. In his address he presented the claims of the Word of God as an essential and all-centering power to save man. In view of hopeful future conditions every League in reach is invited to connect at once with the active Wheeling District League.

INDIANA

To Indiana Luther Leaguers:

Congratulations to Indiana Leaguers on their loyal financial support during the past year in the payment of dues and jubilee fund. Indiana still owes part of her jubilee fund to the National League and I earnestly request each League that has not yet sent its portion of the jubilee fund, consisting of 25 cents per member, to our State treasurer, Mr. W. F. Renz, 3416 Webster street, Fort Wayne, to send same at once. Also please send your annual State dues

to our treasurer as soon as you can to above address. You will greatly favor your officers by taking prompt action in this matter, and it will enable your State organization to pay the balance due the Luther League of America.

OLIVER C. C. FETTA,
President State Luther League of Indiana.

OHIO

—The Luther League of Trinity Lutheran Church, Canton, is making an effort to create a fraternal spirit among the young people of the Lutheran churches of different synodical connections in Canton and vicinity, and is glad to report a cheerful response and co-operation on the part of all of them.

On Sunday evening, October 28, there assembled in Trinity chapel a large number of young people from First, Zion and Martin Luther churches of Canton and from Zion of New Berlin, to participate with Trinity League in a union Reformation service. The visiting delegations were numerous and this fact, added to the excellent program prepared by the young people of Trinity, made it a splendid meeting.

On Friday evening, November 10, Trinity League had as its guests the Leagues of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Alliance and Zion Lutheran of New Berlin. The Alliance delegation alone numbered about fifty.

After a short program of talks and music, held in the chapel, the meeting was adjourned to the church parlors where games were played and refreshments were served.

These are only two of a number of fraternal meetings participated in by the Leagues of this locality, and still more are planned for the winter.

TOLEDO DISTRICT

—The Luther League of St. Lucas' Church, Toledo, Rev. Hugo Hamfeldt, pastor, has contributed $50 to the jubilee fund of the District Synod of Ohio. The contribution was the result of a special appeal made to the society by Rev. E. F. Ritter, president of the Synod.

BOOK REVIEWS

"IN THE SERVICE OF THE PRINCE OF PEACE," by Margaret Lenk; boards; pp. 136; single copies, 30c; in dozen lots at 25c net; 50 copies at 22½c net. Augustana Book Concern, Rock Island, Ill. This is two tales from olden times translated from the German by A. W. Kjellstrand.

"THE CROSS AND THE CRESCENT," by Margaret Lenk; boards; pp. 126; single copies, 30c; in dozen lots at 25c net; 50 copies at 22½c net. Augustana Book Concern, Rock Island, Ill.

"LITTLE PLAYMATE"; paper; pp. 32; illustrated; single copies, 20c; per dozen net, $1.92. Augustana Book Concern, Rock Island, Ill.

"THE GOOD SHEPHERD"; paper; pp. 32; illustrations 32; single copies, 15c; per dozen net, $1.44. Augustana Book Concern, Rock Island, Ill.

"THE TRUTH ABOUT THE SO-CALLED 'LUTHER'S TESTAMENT IN ENGLISH,' TYNDALE'S NEW TESTAMENT," by L. Franklin Gruber, St. Paul, Minn. This is a reprint of the splendid article by Rev. Gruber appearing in the *Lutheran Church Review* in 1916 and 1917. The work of Rev. Gruber is painstaking, accurate scholarly, and what he has done is well worth preservation in the form in which it has now been placed.

"THE GRACE ABOUNDING"; this excellent Parish Paper in commemoration of the Quadri-Centennial of the Reformation reflects great credit upon its author and is a worthy tribute. It is published by Grace Lutheran Bible School, Bedford Park, N. Y., and edited by C. Arthur Borklund.

THE GRACIOUS WATER OF LIFE, by Ira O. Nothstein. Pp. 48, cloth. Illustrated. Art cover, 25c net; silk cloth, 50c net. Augustana Book Concern, Rock Island.

This is a word of counsel to the parents of newly baptized children. It is dedicated to The Children of God. There is a baptismal certificate, a place for the baby's picture and a place for the names of sponsors and the names of guests. We recommend this to our pastors as a very acceptable book to be given at the time of infant baptism.

A CRADLE ROLL MANUAL, by Rev. C. A. Lund. Pp. 63. Art cover, 30c net; ooze sheep, flexible cover, 75c net. Augustana Book Concern.

This book is well illustrated and printed on good glaze paper in clear type. It is designed for the use of Lutheran Sunday Schools, and it will prove very helpful for the purpose intended.

THE WORD OF THE TRUTH, by Arthur Temple Cornwell, Editor. The Brown Printing Company, Montgomery, Ala. Price, $1. Pp. 160.

This book might make a better appeal to us if its letterpress were improved.

OUR CHURCHES AND INSTITUTIONS

(*Continued from page* 21.)

AKRON, OHIO

—The standing committee on ministerial education appointed at the General Synod at its meeting in Chicago, held their first meeting on Wednesday, November 14, at Akron, Ohio. Rev. A. H. Schmidt, D.D., was elected chairman, and Rev. Charles S. Bauslin, D.D., secretary.

TACOMA

—Rev. W. H. Wynn, D.D., Ph.D., died at Tacoma after two days' illness, on October 23. Dr. Wynn was for many years professor at the Iowa State Agricultural College at Ames. He was the first professor of history and English literature in Midland College, Atchison, Kan. Dr. Wynn in recent years has been doing editorial work in Tacoma.

LOS ANGELES

—St. Mark's Church, Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph.D., pastor, has been repaired and repainted at a cost of $250. A complete set of altar and pulpit covers was presented to the congregation by the Philathea class.

—The Lutheran Church at Glendale, Cal., has called Mr. Harry Paseman to the office of lay reader for the congregation. Several of the California churches have made use of this privilege.

—The church at Troy, N. Y., Rev. G. B. Whitbeck, pastor, has been thoroughly renovated at a cost of $1,500. The Sunday school class of young ladies, known as the Daughters of the Reformation, presented the church with a beautiful baptismal font. This congregation has raised the pastor's salary twice within a year and six months.

Luther League Topics

Septuagesima Sunday. January 27, 1918.

THE BEGINNINGS OF PROTESTANT MISSIONS
(Historical)

Rom. 10:13-15.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS.

Monday—Morning, Matt. 8:14-22; evening, Gen. 25:19-34.

Tuesday—Morning, Matt. 8:28-34; evening, Gen. 27:1-45.

Wednesday—Morning, Matt. 9:9-17; evening, Gen. 27:46; 28:22.

Thursday—Morning, Matt. 9:27-38; evening, Gen. 29:1-20.

Friday—Morning, Matt. 10:1-16; evening, Gen. 31:1-18.

Saturday—Morning, Matt. 10:17; 11:1; evening, Gen. 32:3-32.

HINTS FOR LEADERS.

Hymn 61; Psalm 67 (read responsively); Scripture lesson (read by chairman of your devotional committee); hymn 78. Ask for many sentence prayers. Previously arrange for condensed but comprehensive biographical sketches of the missionary pioneers as outlined in "Praying and Working" (Quadri-Centennial Luther League Reading Course).

Solo, "The King's Highway," by Laura S. Copenhaver. Make an interesting use of the topic as presented in the REVIEW, etc. Secure, if possible, a real missionary in native garb to address you.

Suggested hymns, 35, 219, 214, 27.

"The first million" converts of Protestant missions required 120 years; the second million resuired 12 years. In China the converts have doubled every seven years on an average.

M—issions
M—eans the
M—ind, the
M—otive, the
M—ight of the
M—aster
M—ultiplied by His
M—essengers.

(Topic reviewed by Mr. Jonas Foss.)

The Lesson.

Our lesson shows that the Gospel is not the property of any particular people or nation, but that its benefits are intended for all nations and peoples: "For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek; for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him." Rom. 10:12.

Where are these countries that we are to study? If we want to get the right idea of the situation it is well to look at the map. Our study is merely suggestive and is limited to the beginnings of Lutheran missions.

Lapland.

The Lapps are a roaming type of people living upon whatever they can get by hunting. This characteristic did not offer very promising results to a missionary. However, as early as 1559 work was begun by the King of Sweden to establish the Lutheran Church among them. An attempt was again made in 1658 by a Norwegian bishop, Eric Bredal. It was not until the beginning of the eighteenth century that any noticeable success was achieved in establishing the mission work among these people. This was largely through the efforts of the Danish King Frederick, who became interested in Christianizing the Lapps when he heard that these people so near to them were living in poverty and idolatry. The New Testament, many of the Psalms and Luther's Catechism were translated into their language.

Greenland.

The daring pioneer and missionary hero, Hans Egede, who had been a Lutheran pastor in Norway, came to Greenland in 1721. He found the natives living in filth. When the missionary spoke of God, they asked when he had seen Him last, and as for fear of the day of judgment and fire of hell, that would be an inviting contrast to their now bitter cold climate. Their chief desire was a plentiful supply of seals to eat. Devotedly this man of God labored and established the Lutheran Church of Greenland.

Abyssinia.

Lutherans began a mission in Abyssinia, Africa, in 1634, when Peter Heiling arrived. One notable contributive work was the translation of the New Testament into the native language.

China.

Until 1842 China would not allow outsiders to come into their country and for that reason missionaries have only recently begun work there.

In 1895 the Danish Lutheran Society founded a mission in Manchuria. It has at present a foreign staff of 42 persons and about 1,000 native baptized Christians.

The Swedish Mission was established in 1887 under the leadership of Erik Folke, who subsequently was endangered by the Boxer uprising.

The American Lutheran Church is extremely active in China. The Norwegian Synod (constituting those recently merged) has established itself very strongly in the Province of Honan and dates from 1903. Also in this province is located the mission of the Augustana Synod since 1903 with a staff of 14 men and 5 women. This province has been allotted for the special field of Lutherans. It is a very promising field, rich in agriculture, natural resources, and a population of 35,316,800, or 520 persons per square mile.

The Luther League Topics, complete lessons (of which the above are outlines and review), in 32-page pamphlet covering three months can be supplied at rates given on page 20 by LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW, 318-326 West 39th Street, New York City.

India.

The first American Lutheran missionary to India was J. C. F. Heyer, who began work in 1842. His previous training was that of a home missionary on the prairies of the United States. When at the age of fifty the Pennsylvania Synod called him to carry the Gospel to India. There as a medical missionary he ministered to the physical bodies as well as to their souls. He was followed by Rev. E. Unangst of the General Synod.

In 1867 came Hans P. Börreson, a Dane, and Lars O. Skrefsrud, a Norwegian. These men labored faithfully and received a decoration by the English Government for their services to India. Their work was with the Santals.

A glimpse of the great need is that given by Missionary Eckhardt at a conference of four hundred Lutherans in India in 1911. He is from the interior of India. The people there have no hope of hearing the Gospel unless he brings it to them. A hill had been donated by a heathen on the condition that a church would be built on it. When the native Christians in another part of India heard of the offer they gave something from what little they had in order that their brothers who were less fortunate might have a church.

What a thrilling story is the record of the marvels of missions! What wonderful changes have been brought into the lives of men and women under the power of the Gospel!

Bible References.

Acts 13:2; Gal. 1:15, 16; Isa. 69:19; Rom. 1:13-15; Phil. 2:15; Ps. 34:8; John 1:46; I Pet. 3:15; Rev. 14:6.

Hymns: 48, 56, 139, 151.

Sexagesima Sunday. February 3, 1918.

THE SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD

I John 4:13-15.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS.

Monday—Morning, Matt. 11:11-24; evening, Gen. 33:1-20.
Tuesday—Morning, Matt. 12:1-21; evening, Gen. 35:1-21.
Wednesday—Morning, Matt. 12:22-50; evening, Gen. 37:1-36.
Thursday—Morning, Matt. 13:1-23; evening, Gen. 39:1-23.
Friday—Morning, Matt. 14:1-36; evening, Gen. 40:1-23.
Saturday—Morning, Matt. 15:1-20; evening, Gen. 41:1-37.

HINTS FOR LEADERS.

Hymn, "The Church's One Foundation."
Read responsively Psalm 27.
Scripture reading by the leader.
Introduction of the speaker.
Have speaker treat subject reverently, but not too deeply from the theological standpoint.
Hymn, "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus."

Our Missionaries' Need.

Do you hear them pleading, pleading
Not for money, comfort, power,
But that you, O Christian worker,
Will but set aside an hour
Wherein they will be remembered,
Daily at the Throne of Grace,
That the work which they are doing
In your life may have a place?

Do you know that they are longing
For the sympathetic touch
That is theirs when friends are praying.
In the homeland very much,
That our God will bless the efforts
They are making in His name,
And that souls for whom they're working
With His love may be aflame?

Do you see them seeking, seeking
For the gift of priceless worth
That they count of more importance
Than all other gifts of earth?
Not the gold from rich men's coffers,
Nor relief from any care;—
'Tis a gift that you can give them,—
'Tis the Christian's daily prayer.—*Selected.*

This poem is published by the Co-operative Literature Committee of the Women's Missionary Societies of the Lutheran Church, Room 805 Drexel Building, Philadelphia, Pa. Price 1 cent each, 10 cents a dozen.

Hymns, 88, 86, 84, 83.

(Topic reviewed by Rev. J. S. Albert.)

The Lesson.

In this epistle John is defending the Incarnation of Jesus against the heresies which had sprung up concerning the two natures of Christ. No one was better fitted for this work than this apostle, for he was in closest intimacy with Christ (John 1:37; 13:23; 21:20-23), he had seen Christ die on the cross (John 19:25-27) and had beheld His pierced side (John 19:34-35). The verses before us emphasize three things: 1. "We have seen," *an actual occurrence* (I John 1:1-4; John 1:14); John had personally seen Jesus. 2. We "do testify," bear witness; John was bearing witness to this fact. 3. "That the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world"; John's witness bearing message. That Jesus is the Saviour of the world is evident from His Person, His Mission, and His Field of Operation.

I. His Person.

The Father sent His Son. To John the Son of God is the Incarnate Word. John 1:1-3. This Eternal Word became Flesh. He is the Divine-Human Saviour. The eternity of the Word is here asserted. What was the relation of this Eternal Word to God? "The Word was with God, and the Word was God." And this Word "became Flesh." These words truly declare that the eternal Son assumed a complete human nature, perfectly human.

With this corresponds the picture of our Lord drawn by the Evangelists. He grew to manhood (Luke 2:40, 52), He experi-

enced the joys of life (Luke 10:21), sympathy (Matt. 9:36). He shed tears (John 11:35; Luke 19:41). And yet, though He was in all points like unto us His brethren (Heb. 2:17) He was without sin (Heb. 4:15; II Cor. 5:21).

The sinlessness of Jesus shows His divinity. To Christ are ascribed the essentials of divinity, as divine names (John 1:1; Acts 10:36); divine attributes, e. g., eternity (Col. 1:17; Heb. 13:8), omnipresence Matt. 28:20; John 3:13), divine works (John 1:3; 5:21), and divine worship (John 5:23; I Cor. 1:2).

The question may well be asked: "Why this divine-human personality? Why these two natures in one person?" The answer brings us face to face with the mission of Christ.

II. His Mission.

The mission of Christ is denoted by the word "Saviour," the name by which He was called before His birth (Matt. 1:21), the word which means "He shall save." That this was His mission is emphasized by Christ Himself, when he said: "I am come to seek and to save the lost." "The Son of Man came to give His life a ransom for many." "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." The ultimate reason for the Word made flesh is to be found in the sin of man. "For sin requires atonement, and atonement requires the God-man."

The Saviour came to save His people from their sins, from the *guilt* of sin, which exposes us to the wrath of God; from the *power* of sin, which enslaves us under the tyranny of Satan; from the *condemnation* of sin, which results in the miseries of hell. His mission is salvation. Who are to be saved from this threefold bondage of sin?

III. His Field.

He is the Saviour *of the world.* God so loved the *world.* His command is, "Go ye into all the *world.*" He further says, "I am the light of the *world.* For I came not to judge the *world,* but to save the *world.*" John 12:47.

These passages reveal the extent of the missionary operations of Christ. His operations were not limited to His own people, for "He came to His own, but His own received Him not." The gospel was given to the Jews first, not as an act of favoritism to them, nor in order to keep it from others, but because they were the best point from which to start it on its *world-wide* mission. There must be a base of operations. Home Missions logically precede Foreign Missions, but we must not stop there. "Ye shall bear witness of me, first in Jerusalem, then in Judea, then in Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the earth."

The mission field of Jesus shows that Christianity is no national religion, that stops at geographical boundaries, or is limited by ocean shore, or racial lines, but it is international, universal, to envelop the whole earth. We cannot shut the Gospel up in our own lives and land, but we are bound, we cannot get out of it, to spread it over all lands and seas.

"Thou Leaguer, come with me till I show thee the unevangelized lands, the lands without teachers, and in the showing thou wilt see the Far East, the Far West, the Far North, the Far South. They are peopled by millions and millions who know not of the true God. They worship the great Spirit, they worship their idols of silver and gold, they worship the things of the creature rather than the Creator. Do you not hear them sending the wireless distress S O S? They are words which tell of their need: 'COME; HELP; US.'"

"Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
In living echoes of Thy tone;
As Thou hast sought, so let me seek
Thy erring children, lost and lone.

"O use me, Lord, use even me,
Just as Thou wilt, and when, and where;
Until Thy blessed face I see,
Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share."

Luther Leaguers, *pray* Missions, *Give* to Missions, *Go, Preach* Missions, so that Christ may soon become the Saviour of the *World.*

Bible References.

Jer. 17:9; Rom. 6:23; Ezra 18:4; Gal. 6:7; Rom. 3:10; Acts 4:12; Rom. 3:24-26; Eph. 4:8; Matt. 25:32; Eph. 2:8; John 3:36; Matt. 10:32; Rom. 10:9-10.

Books of Reference.

"The Word and the World," Fiske; "Mission Studies," Pfeiffer; "The Why and the How of Foreign Missions," A. J. Brown; Mott and Speer are good.

—

Quinquagesima Sunday. February 10, 1918.

MISSIONARY TRAINING IN THE CONGREGATION

Acts 28:28-31.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS.

Monday—Morning, Matt. 15:29-39; evening, Gen. 41:38-57.

Tuesday—Morning, Matt. 16:1-12; evening, Gen. 42:1-38.

Wednesday—Morning, Matt. 16:21-28; evening, Gen. 43:1-34.

Thursday—Morning, Matt. 17:9-27; evening, Gen. 44:1-34.

Friday—Morning, Matt. 19:1-15; evening, Gen. 45:1-28.

Saturday—Morning, Matt. 20:17-34; evening, Gen. 46:1-34.

HINTS FOR LEADERS.

*H*ave material well classified.
*I*mitate no one; be original.
*N*ever monopolize entire program.
*T*rain others for leaders.
*S*elect previously Scripture verses and music apropos to topic.
*F*ortify your self with hours of previous prayerful study.
*O*ne thought expressed in your own words is better than a volume.
*R*emember always " 'Tis the Blessed Hour of Prayer."

"*L*iving things move."
*E*pitaph of many meetings: *An opportunity lost.*
*A*im to stimulate your leaders to discussion.
"*D*ead things are still."
*E*ngage the worshipful attention of every individual.
*R*EVIEW, and other invaluable literature, not a prop, but an aid.
"*S*tudy to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

Hymns, 18, 206, 217, 93, 225.

(Topic reviewed by Rev. W. P. Christy.)

The church at Rome became the great missionary church of the early Christian centuries because Paul the missionary had trained and inspired all that "went in unto him in his own hired dwelling" with missionary enthusiasm.

The dull ears and the closed eyes of his own nation turned him with all the greater enthusiasm to his God appointed task of preaching the Kingdom of God unto the Gentiles. This he prosecuted with such devotion and zeal that espousing Christianity under Paul's leadership carried with it the commission and responsibility of becoming a missionary.

The Missionary Church.

To promote missionary training a missionary pastor is the first requisite. "Like priest like people," is an old saying more truthful than elegant, and in no respect are people more like priest than in his relations to the missionary operations of the church. Congregations whose contributions to missions have caused them to be rated as wealthy are often found upon investigation to be composed of persons of very ordinary means, but whose liberality has been developed by a pastor who is not afraid that his salary will be jeopardized when he instructs his people in the work of missions, and encourages them in giving; whose ministerial efforts are centered not in selfishly securing his own support and comfort, but in developing within his flock the grace of giving; whose example eloquently preaches that "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

The Non-Missionary Church.

On the other hand, one does not have to look far to find congregations which may or may not be wealthy, but which are unmistakably selfish and stingy, giving little or no response to the Macedonian cry, whose glory is in their local achievements, which glory when it stands alone, should be their shame. Investigation will show that these people are no different than those in the missionary congregation. The difference is the result of training. The pastor who has had it within his power to shape congregational spirit and affections during the plastic stage of development failed in his duty toward missions. Now in its "fixed" state it cannot be impressed with missionary appeal.

Where to Effect a Change.

Pastors who are missionary in their spirit and labors are not always able to speedily develop missionary congregations. Previous training, fixed thoughts and habits are hard to change. But much can be done. A church is always growing within a church. "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." This should be for him sufficient assurance that his labors, if not yielding missionary fruit, are not in vain in the Lord if they are employed in sowing missionary seed.

The Bible School

from primary to senior grades is always receptive ground and it is remarkable how soon missionary fruit will develop. Mission Sundays with the topics supplied by our boards should be observed monthly. All missionary festivals should be utilized to their utmost. The youth of the church delights in these and impressions lasting throughout life are formed. These festivals and entertainments if missionary in character will implant ideas of worship and giving that will bring forth much fruit. "The child is father of the man."

The Catechetical Class

affords the pastor opportunity to impart missionary information and to create missionary zeal, which he should utilize to the utmost. Here are gathered the future Bible school teachers, Luther League leaders, and the Church supporters of the future. They are there not only to learn to "say the Catechism" but to imbibe the spirit of the Gospel, concerning which Christ's two words of command are "go" and "teach."

The Missionary Society.

The women's missionary society of the congregation, together with mission study classes, which the men may join and find profitable, supplied as it is with excellent programs and topics, is one of the best means for propagating missionary intelligence.

Missionary papers, tracts and reports should be carried to every home.

The Luther League.

What has been said of other organizations is likewise true of the League. But the Leaguer feels that as such he should be a missionary Leaguer. He can first of all, by taking special pains, make the Missionary Topics a success. Acquire all the information on the subject that you can, put as much enthusiasm into the presentation of the topic as possible. Secondly, get your League to become interested in and support some particular mission or missionary. Get into correspondonce with your missionary and have his letters read at meetings. Finally, do all in your power to make your League a mission League and your League and your church will advance as your love and your gifts extend outward.

Bible References.

Luke 27:44-48; Matt. 2:11; Matt. 24:14; Luke 5:59-62; I Pet. 2:9; I Pet. 4:10-11; II Cor. 8:5; Ps. 66:16; Acts 2:45; Mark 12:44; Rom. 14:19; I Thess. 5:11.

—❧—

First Sunday in Lent. February 17, 1918.

HIS HOLY LIFE

John 8:42-47.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS.

Monday, Morning, Luke 18:28-62; evening, Num. 3:5-13.

Tuesday—Morning, Luke 10:1-22; evening, Num. 10:11-36.

Wednesday—Morning, Luke 10:38-11:13; evening, Num. 11:1-35.

Thursday—Morning, Luke 11:29-36; evening, Num. 12:1-15.

Friday—Morning, Luke 11:37-54; evening, Num. 13:1-25.

Saturday—Morning, Luke 12:1-34; evening, Num. 13:26-33.

HINTS FOR LEADERS.

Open with the service given in the Topics and close with the service given in the Topics. Psalm 23; Gloria Patri; Collect for Grace to Do God's Will, page "x" Luther League Hymnal; synopsis of discussion in both the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW and the Topics.

Have some one read the article in the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW by Rev. Carpenter, "The Saviour of the World"—Introduction to Lenten Theme of Topics.

Closing remarks by the pastor; Lord's Prayer; benediction.

Hymns, 169, 197, 55, 27.

(Topic reviewed by Rev. John C. Bowers, D.D.)

God never had a child without sorrow. He had only one without sin and that was Jesus. We cannot escape sorrow; it is one thing we all must experience, for "Man is born unto trouble as the sparks fly upward." It was in this world of sorrow and care that Jesus lived a sinless life. About Him He saw the pernicious effects of sin continually. He declared "I came not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance," and His enemies sneeringly said He was a friend of publicans and sinners. His mission was such as to bring Him into close contact with sinners, yet He sinned not. He only could live a sinless life in a sinful world. Because God was His Father He could not sin. The angel declared to His mother that He should be holy and should be called the Son of God. He was free from original sin, and had no natural inclination toward that which is evil such as we have. We are born in sin and our inherited disposition is to transgress the divine law in thoughts, words and deeds. How prone we are to do the things we ought not and to neglect the things we ought to do. It was not so with Jesus. He always did the things that pleased God. He obeyed Him perfectly. He never departed from the divine law. His life, therefore, was holy, for sin is the transgression of the law. Of Jesus only could it be said, He was "altogether lovely." In Him were no defects. He was perfect in His thoughts, purposes, words and deeds. We are familiar with the names and lives of men and women whose names adorn the pages of the Bible and we admire them for their faith, their unselfishness, their devotion to God and their unswerving fidelity to His cause, but of not one can it be said that he or she lived an absolutely holy life. We may with grateful and affectionate hearts recall the love of our parents and their self-denial for us. Theirs may have been saintly characters, but we cannot pronounce them holy as Jesus was. You will invariably find in your most esteemed friend some deficiencies of character that you would remove and replace by desired qualities. In Jesus only we find blended in perfect harmony all the attributes of God. He was the "fairest among men." He declared He was equal with the Father. He who hath seen Me hath seen the Father. I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in His love. To the Jews who boasted that they were the children of Abraham He said "Which of you convinceth Me of sin?" There were many things about His disciples and their work that we must admire, yet Jesus told them, when ye have done all that is commanded you say, we are unprofitable servants. Those who knew our Lord intimately, lived with Him, were His closest friends, watched His actions and studied His motives, testified that His life was holy. John states with positive conviction, in Him is no sin. Peter affirms, He was without blemish and without spot. Jesus never spoke of His relation to God as imperfect, nor did He intimate, even faintly.

(*Continued on page* 34.)

Intermediate and Junior Topics

New Year's Day, 1918! May every Junior and Intermediate, every superintendent and assistant, have a blessed and happy life in the service of the Master throughout the whole year.

Now let every Leaguer go to work to make 1918 the best ever in League accomplishment. There is much to do; for we have not exhausted our resources. Plan definitely. Execute thoroughly. Achieve concretely. Build substantially. Pray fervently. Rejoice continually.

FEBRUARY 3.

"The Saviour of the World."

By Rev. Conrad Wilker.

Scripture Lesson—I John 4:13-15.

General Truth—The apostles knew that God dwelt in them because they had received the Holy Spirit. They saw the Lord Jesus—they knew that he was sent by God the Father to be the Saviour of the world.

Point of Contact—We love God because God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son. He did not give an angel—He gave His Son—who is God. He came as a man, a baby, a boy, a man, the God-man. We marvel what God was made man for us, but what shall we say of this, that God will dwell in *us?*

Lesson Developed—The wise men from the East came to see the Infant Jesus in His home in Bethlehem. They fell down and worshipped Him. They gave Him gifts. You know what these gifts were and what they meant.

Do you boys and girls confess that Jesus is the Son of God in your homes? Do you worship Him there? To confess that Jesus is the Son of God means to worship Him by prayer and Bible reading. God dwells in boys and girls who pray in the name of the Lord Jesus in the home. They manifest Him to the world.

When God dwells in boys and girls they will be Christians at home. We pray "Come Lord Jesus be our guest." Should we not live up to this prayer? If we do then we are not going to be mean and disobedient and unloving. With Jesus, the Son of God, as our constant guest in our homes, we will try to please Him and do those things which He did when He was a boy at home. He will dwell where there is love and obedience.

There is also another way to confess that Jesus is the Son of God, the Saviour of the world, and that is by going to church. You remember the story of Jesus in the temple? You recall what he said when his parents found Him there after a long search? "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" He was there in the midst of the teachers to learn and confess. You attend the Bible school to learn about Jesus. Do you attend church service to confess Him? "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, etc." When you attend service you are letting the world know that you are about your Saviour's business—you are confessing that He is the Son of God whom you worship.

If you will read the rest of the Gospel lessons for the Sundays in Epiphany season you will find that Jesus manifested Himself as "the Saviour of the world" by healing the sick, stilling the tempest, etc., and that finally He was glorified and transfigured upon the mount. You may confess Him as the Son of God by living in the world like a child of God, doing good, growing in favor with God and man.

FEBRUARY 10.

Missionary Training in the Congregation

By Rev. Conrad Wilker.

Scripture Lesson—Acts 28:28-31.

General Truth—This is the final scene of the book of Acts. It shows the great Apostle to the Gentiles, Paul, informing his countrymen that the salvation of God *is* sent to the Gentiles (all who are not Jews). He is a prisoner in his own hired house, but he is a *missionary* prisoner preaching and teaching concerning the Lord Jesus Christ. A most inspiring scene.

Point of Contact—This man Paul, whom some people called "an ugly little Jew," was one of the greatest men who ever lived. He was a great man because he was a great missionary. The Jews, the Greeks, the Romans had many great men, kings, conquerors, emperors, scholars, philosophers, but the greatest of the Greeks and the Romans are not half so well known as St. Paul. He may have been an ugly little Jew physically but he was the greatest of them all because he had the true missionary spirit. No matter what happened to him, no matter where he was, no matter what men said or did, he was a missionary first, last and all the time.

Even now, though he was a prisoner, chained to a soldier of the praetorian guard, he preached and taught and wrote epistles and comforted his friends. He is *our* missionary hero—*we* glory in what he has done for us and the world. Shall we *imitate* him?

Lesson Developed—Paul was a missionary before he became a Christian. He was a missionary Pharisee. He persecuted Christians. He was the wrong kind of a missionary because he did not have the right kind of training. Where did he get the right training? In the Christian Church.

But first of all he saw the Lord. We cannot be true missionaries until we have seen the Lord Jesus. We cannot show. manifest Him to others until we have seen Him ourselves.

Ananias was Paul's first Christian teacher. You know Ananias and what he told Saul? What did Paul do after he left Damascus? You see he had to be trained in the Christian congregation.

Boys and girls get their missionary training in the Bible school and in the church. Do you have a mission Sunday in Bible school, mission study classes, etc., missionary literature of all kinds? Paul did all sorts of mission work. He was a home missionary, he preached to the Jews, his own countrymen. He was an inner missionary because he healed the sick, collected money for the poor, preached in prisons, even converted a warden (jailor of Philippi). He was a foreign missionary, preached to the Gentiles.

Now he was preaching for two whole years in his own hired house. His congregation consisted of many different kinds of people. What did he tell them? Why this, of course, "that the salvation of God is sent to the Gentiles and that they will hear it." He was training missionaries to go out and preach Christ to others.

Special Study—Paul the missionary and his missionary friends. What missionary work can be done by boys and girls in their own church?

FEBRUARY 17.

"Jesus' Holy Life."

By Rev. Conrad Wilker.

Scripture Lesson—John 8:42-47.

General Thought—"Jesus was in all points

tempted like as we are, yet without sin." He challenged His bitterest enemies to point out even one sin. "Which of you convinceth me of sin?" They could not. He was "the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world"—Himself without spot or blemish.

Point of Contact—All men have their faults. The greatest saints were sinners, too. Men like Abraham and Moses and David, Peter, John Paul were not without sin, therefore they never could be saviours of the world. They could not even save themselves, but all are saved by the holy sinless Jesus. You and I also are saved by Him. He is our Saviour and He has left us an example that we should follow in His steps.

Lesson Developed—Jesus loved the truth. He was the truth. "I am the Way, the *Truth* and the Life," He said. Because He loved the truth and was the truth His life was true and holy. His enemies hated the truth; therefore they did not believe Him and because they did not believe Him they told lies about Him and said, "Say we not well, etc.," v. 48. His friends who knew the truth said about Jesus, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." We must know the truth and love the truth about Jesus before we can lead holy lives in accordance with it.

Some people get puzzled about the truth. They do not know where to find it. Some look for it in science. They get what are called facts and facts are supposed to be truth. Then somebody comes along and upsets the facts and find they were not true after all. Some look for the truth in philosophy and do not find the whole truth. Others, like Pilate, get disgusted with what they see and read in books and people and say with him "What is truth?" A great many people are like Pilate today. They are the world in turmoil. They see lying and stealing and hatred on every hand and they become disappointed and despairing and say, "Where is truth?"

We know where the truth is to be found and we know that the truth of the Bible and the principles of Jesus will stand forever, no matter what men may say and do. If we know the truth we must live it or Jesus will have to call us "liars" also. We profess to be Christians, therefore we must practice what we profess. The world is watching, especially Christian boys and girls, just as His enemies watched Jesus, and will be only too glad to be able to say "that boy's or that girl's life is a lie because it does not square with the truth."

You cannot be perfect like Jesus but you can try a little harder each day to bring your life a little nearer to the pattern of Jesus' holy life.

This is especially necessary right in our day. In time of war many things break down, immorality breaks in, temptations surround you. Boys and girls must be steady, true, loyal and faithful to the truth not only to keep themselves pure but in order to keep others straight and true. Your friends need you! Be steady, be strong, be true!

FEBRUARY 24.

"Jesus' Fulfillment of God's Law."

By Rev. Conrad Wilker.

Scripture Lesson—Phil. 2:5-8.

General Thought—To become our Saviour, Jesus had to fulfill God's holy law. To do that He became a man. He was obedient to the law even to the shameful death upon the cross. He did it gladly because of the joy that was set before Him of drawing many many souls to salvation.

Point of Contact—He fulfilled the law for us. Without Him we would still be under the law. Do you know what that would mean? We would be judged by the law and not by the Gospel. The judgment of the law is death. That judgment works out like this: "Sin is the transgression of the law." "The wages of sin is death." "For as by one man sin entered into the world and death by sin, so death has passed upon all men for all have sinned." "The soul that sinneth it shall die." (Find these Scripture passages.) "The law hath included all under sin."

Lesson Developed—What is the Royal Commandment? What did Jesus say to the lawyer who tempted Him, Luke 10:28? If we could fulfill that law, we would not require a Saviour. But we cannot do that. Take any one of the commandments and test yourself. What does the fifth commandment say? It forbids hatred, anger, etc. "He that hateth his brother is a murderer." We will soon find "that there is none that is good, no, not one." All would have had to die. But Jesus came to save men from this death. To save men He had to do two things. He must fulfill the law of a just and holy God, who hates sin. He had to die, for "without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins." We had to have such a Saviour in whose name we could pray to God, "forgive us our sins for Jesus sake." God can then look to Jesus and say, Here is One who fulfilled the whole law, which I could not and would not change. He fulfilled it not for Himself because He was without sin, but for these boys and girls and men and women who believe in Him and love Him as their Saviour. For His sake I will forgive them.

"When the fullness of time was come God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law that we might receive the adoption of sons."

As a little child Jesus was circumcised and received the name of "Saviour." Those first drops of blood were the surety, the payment on account of the whole debt which men owed to the law, which He paid in full on the cross. When He said, "It is finished," the debt was paid. When the soldier thrust the spear into his side, the last drops of blood were given.

He paid in full. He fulfilled God's holy law for us. Let this mind also be in you, to obey God's holy law even unto death. "If ye love me keep my commandments." Surely we love Him, surely we will not grieve Him by disobedience!

JANUARY 27.

"Temperance."

By Rev. Arthur T. Michler.

Scripture Lesson—I Cor. 9:24-27.

Parallel Scripture Readings—Eph. 6:10-17; Acts 24:24-27; Gal. 5:22-24; II Pet. 1:5-7; Titus 1:7-9; 2:1-2.

Lesson Developed—In the Scripture lesson before us, St. Paul has in mind the picture of the race course. He knows very well that the athlete who is very anxious to win the race must deny himself many things so as to be in the best of physical condition. He therefore says that such a one is temperate in all things. And he does this to win, not an eternal crown but one that will perish.

Now if the athlete will do this it is important at the Christian be just as willing to do all his power to win the race that is everlasting. ow then what does this mean? It means that ery one of us must learn early in life that less we form the habit of controlling our petites and desires, we will soon be unfit orally and spiritually to win the race set be- re us.

This leads us to a consideration of what we ean by the word *temperance*. In general it eans right and proper use of all that God has ven us to enjoy here on this earth. It car- es within it this spirit—all things are lawful r me but not all things are expedient. God ves us richly the things of earth to use but if e misuse them we become intemperate.

From this thought we can readily see that we n be intemperate in a great many things. For stance, we can exercise too much. That is temperance in bodily exercise. We can have o much pleasure and that is a very common rm of intemperance—only it is not known by is name. We can work too much so as to erwork the body. This is intemperance also. hen we can eat too much and this is frequent- a very common form of intemperance. In l of our activities we are to be temperate in l things, so as to prepare properly to win e race of eternal life.

But the word *temperance* has come to mean particular form of self-denial. With refer- nce to drinking alcoholic liquids it now means e total keeping away from such a practice. means—a non-use of all such things whether sed in moderation or not. Now whilst our berty as Christians does not forbid us from sing wine and such things in moderation, yet ecause of the great misery and untold sorrow has brought thousands of homes, it is the ise thing *never to form the drink habit.* Now t every Junior Leaguer note this and decide ith himself *never* to be caught by evil men and ersuaded to form the habit.

This leads us to think of the fact that only om the boys of today will the future drunk- rds come. No habitual drinker ever began ith the idea of becoming a slave to the habit. e always *intended* to stop with the taking of uch and such a glass. But the habit grew and oon became the master. It then finally ruined im, cost him his position and wrecked his ome and family. If you never learn the habit ou will never fill a drunkard's grave.

Point of Contact—Did you ever see a man eeling along the street, paralized with drink? hen did you think that he was once a boy and s some mother's son? How does his mother eel? Would you like him for a father? Why ot? You can become like him if you want o, but never drink and be temperate in all hings. You will then be best fitted to per- orm life's duties.

FEBRUARY 3.

Missionary Topic—Missionary Ships That Have Sailed.

By Mrs. E. C. Cronk.

(A complete packet of literature giving fuller outline of the twelve missionary programs prepared for Junior Leagues for 1918, with readings, recitations and exercises may be secured from Mr. Harry Hodges, Drexel Bldg., Philadelphia, Pa., for 30 cents, postpaid.)

Suggestion for Leader's Introductory Talk—If a message is to be carried into all the world it must be carried not only on land but also across seas and oceans. Ever since Jesus gave His message, ships have been sailing o'er the seas bearing the messages of the Cross. There is not an ocean nor a sea, nor a gulf in the world that has not been crossed by missionaries carrying the Word of God. The first missionary ships were the ones we read about in the Bible.

Bible Lesson—The ship of Alexandria which carried a captive missionary.

(Have this story told from Acts 27 and 28, which may be printed on blackboard or chart. The lesson may be given by one person or may be assigned to nine juniors.)

1. Prisoners Abroad (Acts 27:1-9). 2. A Storm at Sea (Acts 27:9-20). 3. A Prisoner Preaches to the Crew (Acts 27:21-26). 4. A Fourteen Day Fast (Acts 27:27-30). 5. Two Hundred and Seventy-Six Men Overboard! (Acts 27:37-44). 6. On an Island With Barbarians (Acts 28:1, 2). 7. Saved from a Viper (Acts 28:3-6). 8. One of the First Mission Dispensaries (Acts 28:8, 9). 9. Departing With Honors (Acts 28:10).

SOME FAMOUS MISSIONARY SHIPS.

(To be presented in three minute talks or papers)

1. "The Sophia Hedwig"—the ship in which the first Protestant missionaries sailed for India. *(Secure material from the Story of Lutheran Missions, page 31.)*

2. "The Hope." A messenger to Greenland. *(See Story of Lutheran Missions, page 52.)*

3. "The Candace"—Pastor Harm's mission ship. *(See Story of Lutheran Missions, pages 61 and 135, and A History of Lutheran Missions, pages 196 and 197.)*

4. "A Stuffy Little Two-Master"—the ship which brought Henry Melchior Muhlenberg to America. *(See Life of Muhlenberg.)*

If a longer program is desired and material is available add stories of "The Messenger of Peace"—John Williams' ship; "The Sarah Ann"—Dr. David A. Day's wheezy little steamboat, and "The Mission Day Spring"—John G. Paton's ship.

SHIP'S CARGOES OF WHICH CHRISTIAN LANDS SHOULD BE ASHAMED

(Suggestions for talk or paper)

Not all the ships Christian lands have sent to heathen lands have borne only missionaries and cargoes of blessings. Business firms in Christian America and Christian England have manufactured many of the idols worshipped in heathen countries and sent them over in large quantities. The rum and the whiskey which have been such a curse to Africa and other countries have been sent over in ships from Christian lands.

Now American tobacco companies are pouring tons of tobacco into China, Africa and India. After China has made such an heroic struggle to rid itself of opium, Christian America is sending shipload after shipload of tobacco in, with the slogan "A cigarette in the mouth of every man, woman and child in China."

Prayer—Have special prayer for any missionaries now on the ocean. Pray that the ships sailing between America and non-Christian lands may be messengers of peace and blessing.

Service—Plan for the Juniors to do something to make the trips of outgoing missionaries pleasant. A letter or a quotation may be arranged for each day of the journey, or a gift for each day. See that ships that are sailing bear from

your League, gifts of money and materials needed in our missions.

FEBRUARY 10.

"The Book of Books."

By Charles W. Fuhr.

Scripture Lesson—II Peter 1, 19-21.

General Truth—The Bible is the greatest book in the world. It is God's message to us and tells us of His love and plan of salvation. It is the Word of God.

Point of Contact—Have you ever received a letter from father or mother who has been away from home for a long time? What did you do with it? Did you not eagerly read it? Here is a Book of messages (hold up a Bible). It is from our Father in heaven, and it tells of things more wonderful and of far more good to us than any letter father or mother can send.

Lesson Developed—During the coming week the Lenten season will begin. It is a time when we should especially turn our thoughts to this Book of books, and learn from it again the story of the sacrifice of His dear Son Jesus. But first, let us hear something about the Lenten season. (Here have an essay by one of the members on "Lent and How to Observe It.")

Now let us find out a few of the many wonderful things found in this Book of books. One of these is how we ought to live. At one time, God gave ten rules of right living called Commandments, and as we all know them, let us stand and repeat them (repeat Ten Commandments). Now we will hear how these Ten Commandments were given to us. (One member to tell the story of the giving of the law on Mt. Sinai.)

Another of the wonderful things to be found in this Book of books is how the world on which we live came to be formed. (1) Who can tell where in the Bible we will find this story?

Another wonderful message is how Jesus came into the world and died for our sins. (2) Who can tell in what part of the Bible we find the story of His birth? (3) Who can tell where we will find the story of His death and resurrection?

Another wonderful story is how the Holy Ghost came from heaven and the church was established. (4) Where may we find that story?

Our Heavenly Father not only wants us to read His Word, but He also wants us to speak with Him in prayer. We are told about this in this wonderful Book. (5) Who will tell us the story of the giving of the greatest of all prayers? (St. Matt. 6:9-13; St. Luke 11: 1, 2.)

(NOTE.—Have members previously appointed to be prepared to answer these questions and if, time permit, to tell the story.)

Suggestions to Superintendent—A very interesting blackboard exercise might be made by showing the divisions of the Bible into the Old and New Testament and the groupings of books, as follows:

OLD TESTAMENT.

1.	Pentateuch	5 books
2.	Historical	12 "
3.	Poetical	5 "
4.	Major Prophets	5 "
5.	Minor Prophets	12 "
	Total	39 "

NEW TESTAMENT.

1.	Gospels	4 books
2.	Historical	1 book
3.	Pauline Epistles	14 books
4.	General Epistles	7 "
5.	Prophetical	1 book
	Total	27 books

Take a few minutes of each meeting and follow this topic up by having them commit to memory a few of the books of each group.

LUTHER LEAGUE TOPICS

(*Continued from page* 30.)

that He ever failed to fulfill perfectly His holy law. He taught the need of repentance, confession and forgiveness, but He Himself breathed no word of repentance. He confessed no sins because He committed none. He spent much time in prayer, but He never prayed for His own forgiveness, because He had no sins to forgive. He was tempted in all points like as we are, but He always resisted the most vigorous and insidious assaults of Satan. Wonderful and impartial were the tributes paid to our Lord's holy life at the close of His ministry. Listen to the verdict of Pilate, "I find no fault in Him." Hear the importunity of Pilate's wife, "Have nothing to do with that just man." Consider the testimony of the dying malefactor, "This Man has done nothing amiss." Ponder the confession of the remorseful Judas, "I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood." Think of the declaration of the heathen centurion, "Truly this was the Son of God."

Let us make the holy life of our Lord, who was meek and lowly in heart, our example. Not only did He live a perfect life, He has left us a perfect example. The saintliest characters have become so through following His steps. This Lenten seasons calls us to holiness in our conversation and conduct. "Be ye holy for I am holy" is His command. "Without holiness no man shall see the Lord." Because He was holy Jesus is qualified to be our Teacher, Counselor and Example. Pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit and earnestly seek to possess our Lord's patience, His humility, His zeal, His obedience, His forgiveness and love. Pray much. Jesus never assumed to conquer Satan in His own strength. He prayed for Himself and His disciples that they might be kept from the evil.

If you long to be like Jesus you must also study the Divine Word. Acquaint yourselves with its teachings and doctrines and remember that it was His absolute holiness that made it possible for Him to die for others.

Bible References.

Luke 2:11; John 4:42; John 6:68; II Tim. 1:10; Titus 2:3-11, 12; Matt. 26:31; John 10:11-15.

Hymns That Thrill

A hymn that has in it the true spirit of devotion does not need the help of an acrobatic musical conductor to give you a thrill.

The life—and the throb—are in the hymn itself.

And such a hymn does not depend, either, upon the singing of a great crowd for its devotional effect.

Singing it in solitude will produce the devotional feeling, and strengthen the spirit life.

Put to this test the hymns in

The Luther League Hymnal

They are built of religious thought and pious feelings. Try them.

Send 60 cents for sample copy, with music

LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW

318-326 West 39th Street **New York City**

The Singing Weaver and Other Stories

Hero Tales of the Reformation
By Julius and Margaret Seebach

These stories have been taken from the pages of history to commemorate the deeds of the obscure and humble heroes of whom we seldom hear but who performed valiant deeds for the Gospel during the stormy days of the Reformation. The authors' names are well known to Lutheran people, and insure an interesting and entertaining book. Order your copy now. It will increase your knowledge of Reformation events.

Brown Cloth Title in Gold **PRICE $1.00** Frontispiece in Colors; Pages 288

The Lutheran Publication Society
S. E. Cor. 9th and Sansom Sts., Philadelphia

159 N. State St., CHICAGO
150 Nassau St., NEW YORK
Second National Bank Building, PITTSBURGH

Entertainments *for* Young People

THE BOY SCOUTS
A short musical play for boys.
Music by S. T. Paul.....net .30

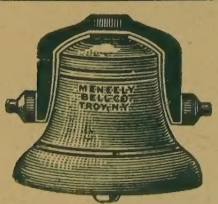
THE RED CROSS
A short musical play for girls.
Music by S. T. Paul.....net .30

AMERICA FIRST
An operetta in 2 acts, for boys.
Book by Fred. Martens. Music by Will C. Macfarlane .....net .60

THE MYSTERY OF THE ROSES
A musical sketch for 5 adults (3 women and 2 men).
Book by Fred. Martens. Music by Will C. Macfarlane .....net .75

Our complete list of entertainments, operettas, etc. will be mailed upon request.

J. Fischer & Bro., New York
7, 8, 10 and 11, Bible House (Astor Place)



MENEELY BELL CO.
TROY, N. Y.
and
77 Broadway, N.Y.C.
BELLS

Memorial Windows

Ornamental Leaded Glass
All Brass Work for the Church
Colgate Art Glass Company
316 West 13th Street New York
Estab. 1849

O. LUETKE'S ART WORKS
Church Furnishings
In Metal, Wood, Marble, Etc.
Est. 1886 328-332 Seventh Ave., New York

HARTWICK SEMINARY NEW YORK

The Oldest Lutheran School in America

SEND FOR CATALOGUE TO
REV. J. G. TRAVER, A.M., Principal
HARTWICK SEMINARY Otsego County, N. Y.

FLEISCHMANN'S COMPRESSED YEAST HAS NO EQUAL

PULPIT GOWNS
CHOIR VESTMENTS
CLERICAL CLOTHING
Suits to measure from $25 up
Embroidered Altar Hangings
COX SONS & VINING 72 Madison Ave. NEW YORK

MÖLLER PIPE ORGANS

In twenty-four hundred churches. The highest grade instruments. Satisfaction guaranteed. Catalogs, specifications and estimates on request.

M. P. MÖLLER, Hagerstown, Maryland